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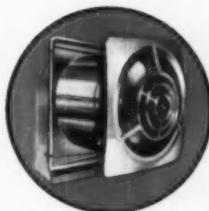


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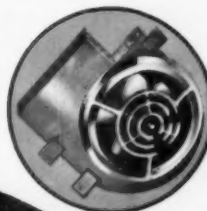
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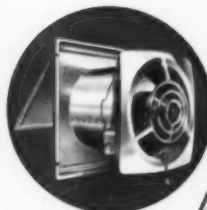
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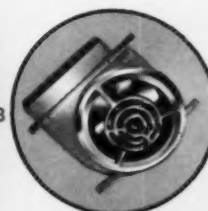
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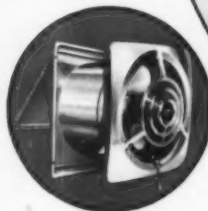
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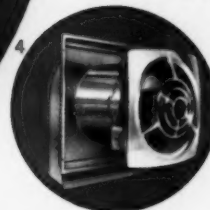
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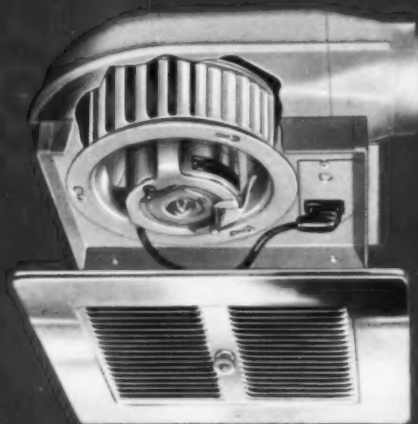
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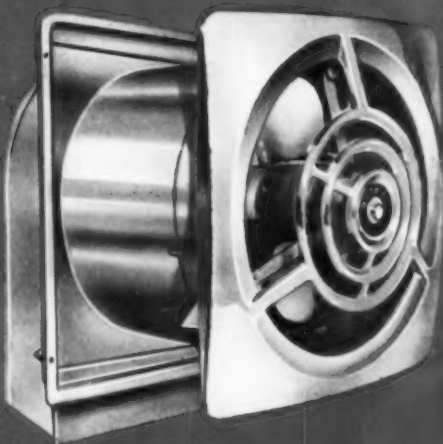
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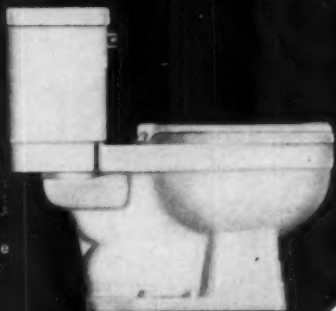


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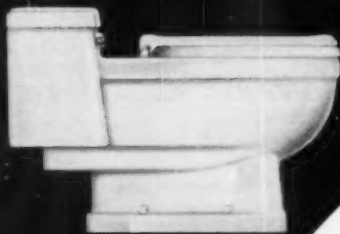


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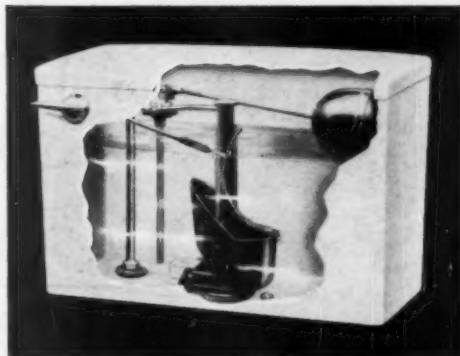


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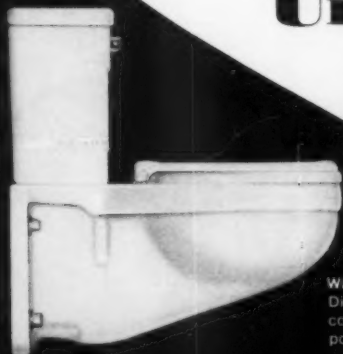
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Bayne has mason's chalk as well as printer's ink in his blood. In building, his experience runs all the way from manager of a sub-contracting firm to Secretary of the Construction Industry Information Committee of the Producer's Council. He's known almost every rung of the ladder at **AMERICAN BUILDER**—from junior salesman up to west coast general manager and associate publisher.

Personally, Bayne fairly radiates the excitement of the building business. "Show me another major business," he says, "where a man can start with so little capital and go so far so fast." About the future, Bayne is both optimistic and realistic. "The building business can go ahead only as the builder becomes a better salesman," he says. You can be sure that **AMERICAN BUILDER** will continue to be the *builder's business magazine*—only more so.

I don't know of anyone better able to see that **AMERICAN BUILDER** gives you what you want. That puts it up to you. For example, would you like to see more Big Pictures, as on page 109? Are there subjects you'd like to see us cover more often? At greater length? In different ways? If so, the man to write is Bayne A. Sparks, Publisher—**AMERICAN BUILDER**—Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corp.—30 Church St.—New York 7, N. Y.

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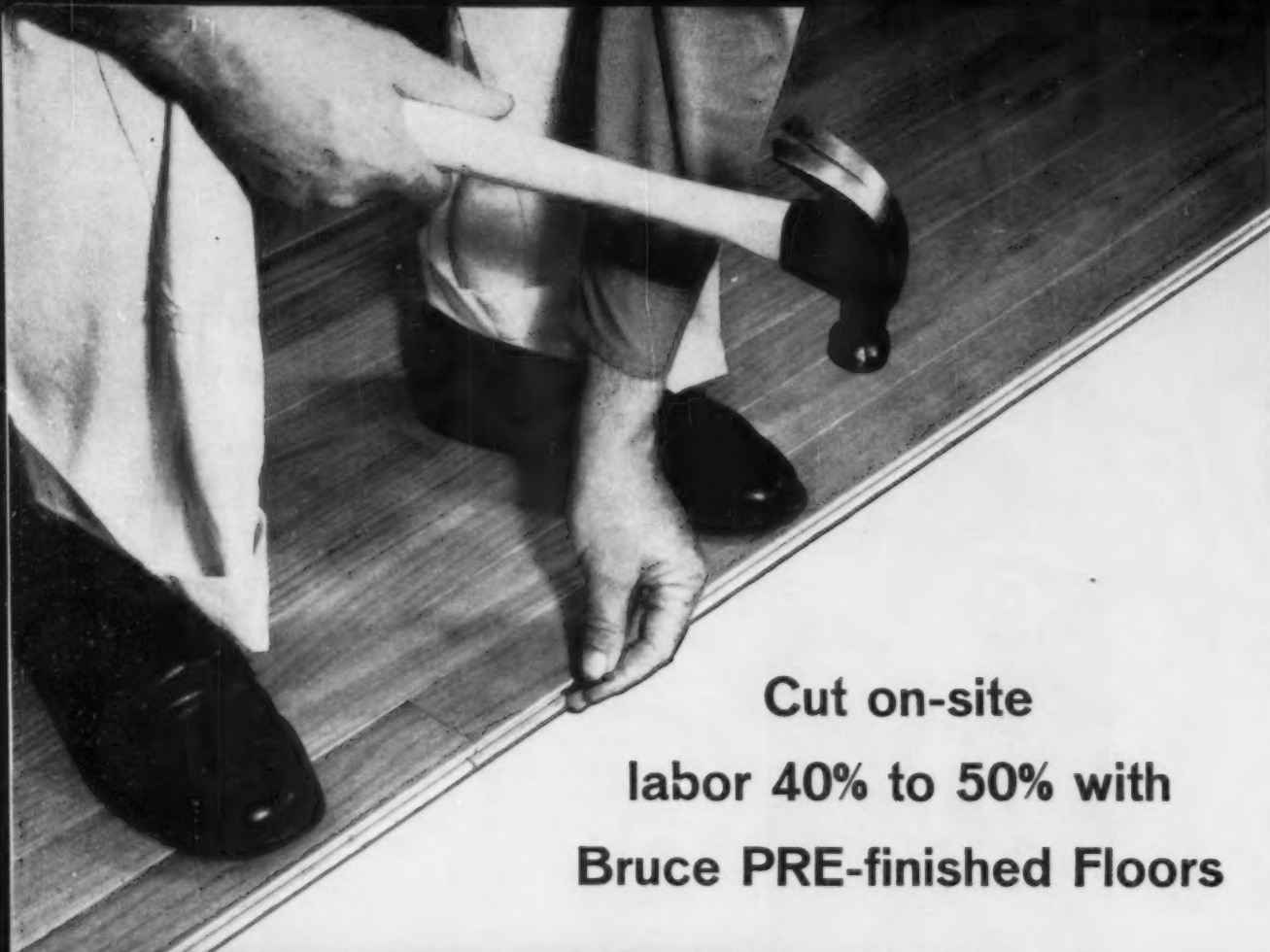
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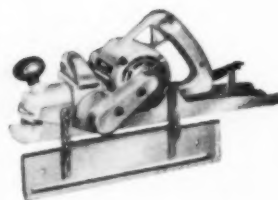
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WHAT'S NEW *and what to do about it*

Kennedy's housing team—will it stimulate construction?

While there's some criticism of Weaver and Hardy—Kennedy's top housing team—consensus of the experts is that they will get results. They will effectively stimulate home building, housing and the construction industry. Timing will depend on how fast Congress acts on housing bills already pending. If starts decline in the first quarter, another Emergency Housing bill will be rushed through. It might contain many "aids" that builders themselves don't favor. But if business is picking up, as seems likely, a more moderate series of bills furthering Kennedy's two-million-houses-a-year objective will be enacted.

Appointment of Neal Hardy to FHA spot well received

Neal Hardy has had both business and government experience, knows the problems of the building industry, and is generally approved as the new head of FHA. As director of the National Housing Center he gained wide acquaintance with builders and the industry. He also has a sound background as Assistant Administrator of HHFA under Democrats Foley and Cole. Before that he was with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

Expect fast action on new housing bills

You can count on Congress to move fairly rapidly on bills to aid home building. Many are already pending, and others have received thorough study and committee work in the last session of Congress. A workable compromise will be reached (after much jockeying) for the integration problem. Kennedy's Housing Task Force, headed by Joseph P. McMurray, outlined pretty clearly what's wanted. The report emphasized "encouragement of private enterprise" to do the job, and "discretion to local communities" in carrying out programs. Probable action:

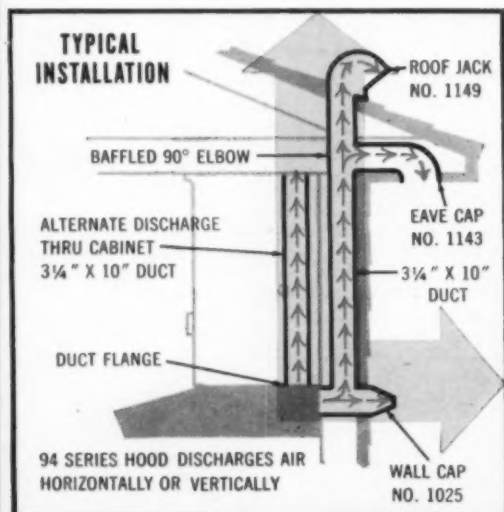
- **Cabinet status** for new Department of Housing and Urban Development. Puts spotlight on importance of industry.
- **FHA:** increased authorization and extension. More liberal terms. Perhaps no-down payment loans on houses under \$15,000.
- **Site development:** new FHA insurance setup.
- **Subsidy program** for low-income families. With "maximum of private enterprise participation."
- **FNMA:** additional funds and authorization. Later in year, drive to enact a sound, long-range, central mortgage bank such as was presented to Congress last year.
- **New mortgage bank setup** in Federal Home Loan system to create secondary market for conventional mortgages.
- **Housing for the elderly:** more help. Additional direct loans to non-profit corporations in this field.
- **College housing:** additional funds (perhaps \$500 million annually).
- **Urban renewal expansion:** additional funds for advance planning. Help for displaced families and small businesses.
- **Community facilities:** system of grants and loans to encourage construction of water and sewerage facilities and for advance planning.
- **Suburban development:** new aid to "orderly suburban growth" would include planning grants and loans for community land purchase.
- **Remodeling and repair:** extension of FHA for several years.

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Kennedy's task force recommendations for multi-billion spending on housing, urban renewal, health programs, aid to education, depressed areas, and many others, lead people to expect more inflation. Whether this actually happens or not, the effect is to stimulate purchases of land, buildings, houses. As long as financing on easy terms is available, building should increase. Best current 1961 estimate: 1,400,000 units—up 7%.

Want action on codes, mortgage instruments, home tax policies

One recommendation of the McMurray task force report on housing that deserves special notice is the appointment of four study commissions by the new Secretary of Housing. These would suggest action on:

- Standardization of local building codes
- Standardization of mortgage instruments and foreclosures
- Special problems of residential mortgage credit
- Tax policies—state, federal, or local—that affect housing

New analysis of building codes ready

You should be interested in a new booklet called "Survey of the Law of Building Codes." Author is Charles S. Rhyne, past president of the American Bar Association, and carries the sanction of both the American Institute of Architects and the National Association of Homebuilders. Subjects covered within its 62 pages range from "Procedures for Building Code Enforcement" to "Statutes of Limitations as Applied to Building Code Violations." Ward Buzzell, NAHB assistant director of technical services, calls it the only comprehensive survey of this sort ever published.

Get yourself a copy. It's worth its weight in gold to you. Write either Ward Buzzell at 1625 L. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., or the AIA, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Price: \$2.00.

Central Air Conditioning Becoming Standard Equipment

A spokesman for a major manufacturer of heating-cooling equipment has estimated that 18% of the houses built in 1961 will include central air-conditioning. This will mean approximately 25-30,000 more units than in 1960—and a big part of the gain is the North. Growth is attributed to two factors: (1) cost reducing improvements by manufacturers, and (2) acceptance by volume builders catering to moderate-price markets.

It is a rule of thumb among real estate people that when 20% of an area's office buildings are air conditioned, the rest must follow fast or lose their marketability. The same rule may work with houses. Don't be a follower in your area. Start planning now to include central air conditioning.

Third of building materials to be plastic

Nearly one-third of materials used for building houses in the 1970's will be created in test tubes, says a leading building material manufacturer. Products that may become standard in the very near future: polyethylene cold-water piping, nylon hot water piping plus plastic sewer pipes, gutters, flashings and leaders. Big obstacle: outmoded specification codes.

Building is in a revolution. Smart builders are keeping closer tabs on new products, especially those which substitute factory technology for labor. But more builders must join the battle to break code barriers.

More builders needed to push research

Home Builders Foundation of Michigan State University—a non-profit group devoted to building research and education—announced plans to enlarge its membership to build a second research house on its code-free 89-acre tract near the campus. It is seeking more quality-minded builders and for the first time will accept lending institutions, manufacturers and utilities as members.

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Dr. Robert C. Weaver, HHFA's new chief, is scholarly but practical after 25 years in housing.

Federal Housing's New Boss Speaks Up

What will the new government's role be in housing's future? To get initial views, *American Builder* went straight to Dr. Robert C. Weaver, new head of the Housing & Home Finance Agency.

Q—What will your main aim be?

A—The toughest problem facing us now will be how to stimulate housing without regulating it. Because builders are independent businessmen, the government must serve only as a catalyst.

Q—Will integration be forced in FHA insured housing? **A—**Dr. Weaver declined comment, but said he stood by past writings. (In *Land Economics*, (Aug. 1960), he wrote: "... our urban populations will have to be less color conscious; and anti-discrimination housing legislation affecting the suburbs as well as the central cities will be required. We need to develop more tolerance

to variations from established middleclass values and behavior.")

Q—Will the FHA be revamped?

A—It should be streamlined and work more closely with other housing agencies. But, I'm a practical man and know that such changes cannot be made overnight. Also we must encourage higher standards but not so high that we will go out of business. Without FHA, building would be in a mess.

Q—Will public housing increase?

A—Urban renewal will receive greater attention and public housing is a necessary part of it. Also, we must figure out ways to sweeten the pie for the men who get into it initially.

Q—Do you favor a Central Mortgage Bank? **A—**In all honesty, I have a completely open mind on this subject. Even respected financial men I know hold varying views.

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IMPACT

Letters to the Editor

Too much government? —or not enough?

... I was very disturbed by the editorial on page 5 of your December issue.

Instead of trying to get back to a free enterprise system, you want more government when I think we already have more than we can afford, pay for, or tolerate.

Don't you think it would be better to try to think these things through before you sound off?

William Hearne
Patton Lumber Co.
Ashland, Kentucky

Ed. note—American Builder has been promoting and advocating the individual enterprise solution for many years. Ninety-nine percent of the problems of the industry can best be met by private enterprise if it is allowed to function effectively. That is why we stressed leadership in the Dec. editorial. We believe that the Federal system should act to permit individual builders to do a better job.

The Central Mortgage Reserve Facility, for example, would help remove local builders and dealers from the strangling effects of an ineffective home financing system. This idea is supported by the Mortgage Bankers Association and many other persons certainly dedicated to private enterprise.

Item three in our editorial lists a secondary market for conventional loans—which is actively supported by the various Savings and Loan groups who need and would use such a system. It would function in the present Federal Home Loan Bank system.

F.H.A., as we suggest, could do more to help private builders operate efficiently.

The Urban Renewal ideas we suggest are executed by individual enterprise, but because of the complexity of this type of work in the large cities, it does call for some national legislation. In fact, in our

editorial, we specifically say that the new legislation is needed "to permit builder enterprise to do the job that's needed." Concepts of "private enterprise" have changed somewhat over the years. The main objective of Federal programs should still be to encourage more and better building, constructed, sold and financed by private enterprise.

Calls bi-fold doors solution to closet problems

... I hope you will not feel I am presumptuous to call your attention to a set of house plans (pg. 55) in the December issue AB Blueprint House No. 280—Ed.) in which it appears that unnecessary construction costs are drawn into the plans.

Small wall returns at closet openings are very expensive, serve no real purpose and actually result in less usable area, so we, together with other manufacturers of bi-fold doors, are advocating their elimination, and builders who are following our suggestions report savings up to \$15 per closet. If, in your set of plans, the saving was only \$5 per opening it would represent \$40 in this house.

Lloyd S. Taylor, Pres.
Float-Away Door Company
Atlanta, Ga.

Calls contests slanted in favor of high volume builders

... I believe ... you are not giving the proper attention to the bread and butter builders of the industry, the small builder.

We in the northern tier of states always seem to have to take a back seat to the south, southwest and west. I have never seen the results of any contest in any trade journal where these states failed to dominate. They dominate not because they build better, but because they build more and have approximately one half of the construction problems we have with our terrific climatic changes. ...

... I would thoroughly enjoy seeing one of the builders from the

more temperate climate areas of this United States, who has what most editors seem to feel a terrific house, come into Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and build.

For one thing, slabs are taboo here and their open living and all glass would have to withstand temperature changes which would give them nightmares.

I feel that 'best home' contests seem to be gauged on the amount of square footage they produce for the least amount of money.

Robert Easley
Executive Secretary
H.B.A. Kalamazoo, Mich.

Ed. note—We know that the majority of builders are small—since we serve thousands of them. And we publish three regional editions so that we can provide them with adequate coverage in the North, South, and West.

Our contest is open to builders throughout the country, and we attempt to select judges from different areas each year. Despite the fact that we haven't yet had a judge from the far west, western builders seem to net more than their share of the prizes. There must be more to their winning than lower cost per square foot.

Experts find remodeling story worthwhile

... Your December issue of American Builder strikes me as one of the most worthwhile and informative I have seen in this field. Your "New Ways with Wood Framing" makes a solid contribution. The remodeling piece I read with undiminishing interest; its carefully worked out do's and don'ts cannot be anything but helpful. Your selling pieces are both good, and the air conditioning article will undoubtedly have some earnest readers. I liked the ideas on the "Building with Brains"

Robert E. Mahaffay
West Coast Lumbermen's
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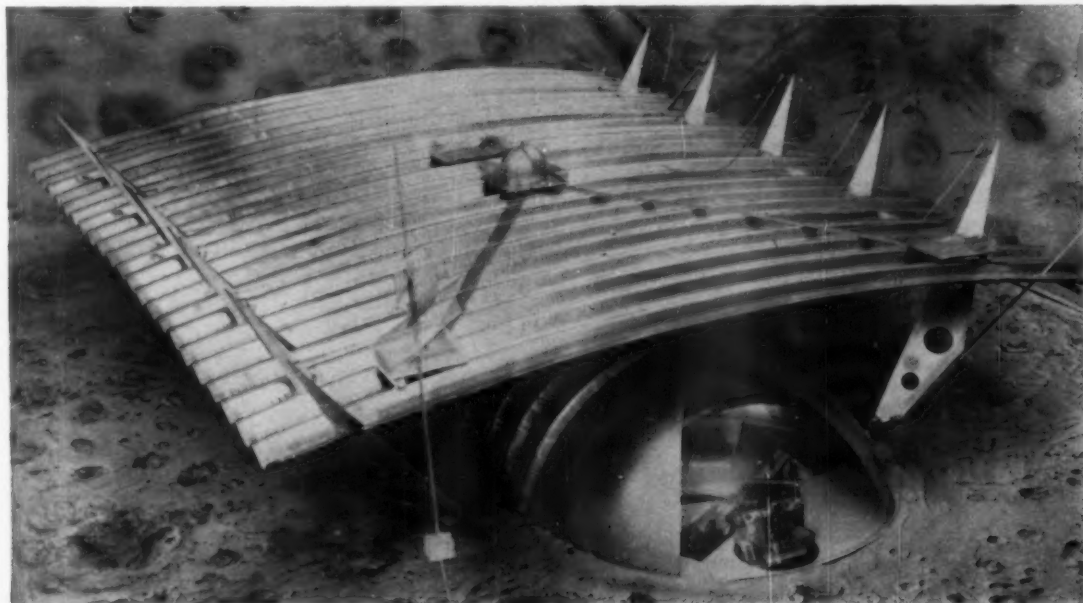
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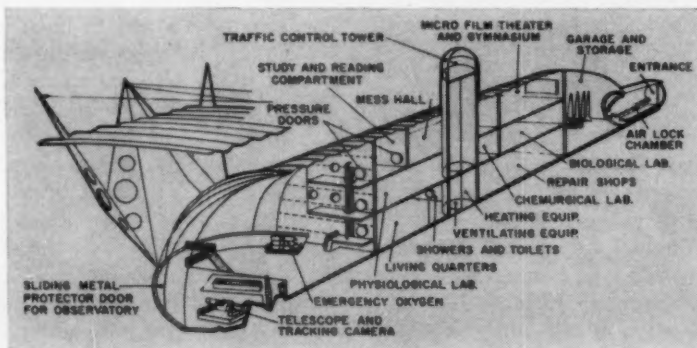
In addition, this structure is engineered on the basis of the moon's light gravity (1/6 that of earth's). Thus, its structural members have much greater load-bearing capacities than they would have on earth.

Here are some other requirements in which proposed lunar structures must differ from their earthy equivalents:

- Their materials must be transportable by rocket ship.
- They must be pressurized, to maintain an artificial atmosphere.
- They must withstand tremendous extremes of heat and cold—ranging from +214° to -243°.
- They must "float" in the sea of

dust which many scientists believe covers the moon's surface. (The house above is anchored with heavy blocks suspended on cables. Dome in center controls traffic.)

- They must be protected from the meteoric particles that continually bombard the moon.



OPINION

NAHB's Jim Burke looks at 1961

During the past several years, members of NAHB have felt that the establishment of a central mortgage reserve facility was one of the most important matters we could work on, and was really our number one objective. We should move ahead vigorously in this direction, going as far as possible in having the authority of FNMA increased to make it into an effective central mortgage bank . . . It's my feeling that permanent improvements of existing mortgage facilities should be put into effect at times when there is not a current shortage of mortgage money.

More Government—Industry Cooperation

We should not only talk about securing government assistance, but we should demonstrate industry's willingness to assist in every way possible to help eliminate the current weakness in the nation's economy . . . Emphasis should be on creating programs which will prevent severe future recessions in housing, *rather than merely seeking a program whose only purpose will be to get us over the particular recession which we now face.*

More Emphasis on Low-cost Housing

We must again emphasize the progress which can be made by better builder-government cooperation at both the local and state levels. A renewed effort must be made to provide home ownership to the families of America who have been denied this right because their incomes were not sufficient to purchase existing housing . . . We must use every new idea created by research plus all of our good "old ideas" to point our production toward lower income families.

Our efforts in merchandising must be expanded. This should include more realistic requirements by both lenders and governmental agencies concerning the qualifications of buyers. The importance of home ownership and its meaning to homeowners themselves must be taken into consideration in deciding how much extra effort families will make in order



JIM BURKE sees a need for increased government-industry cooperation, emphasis on low cost housing.

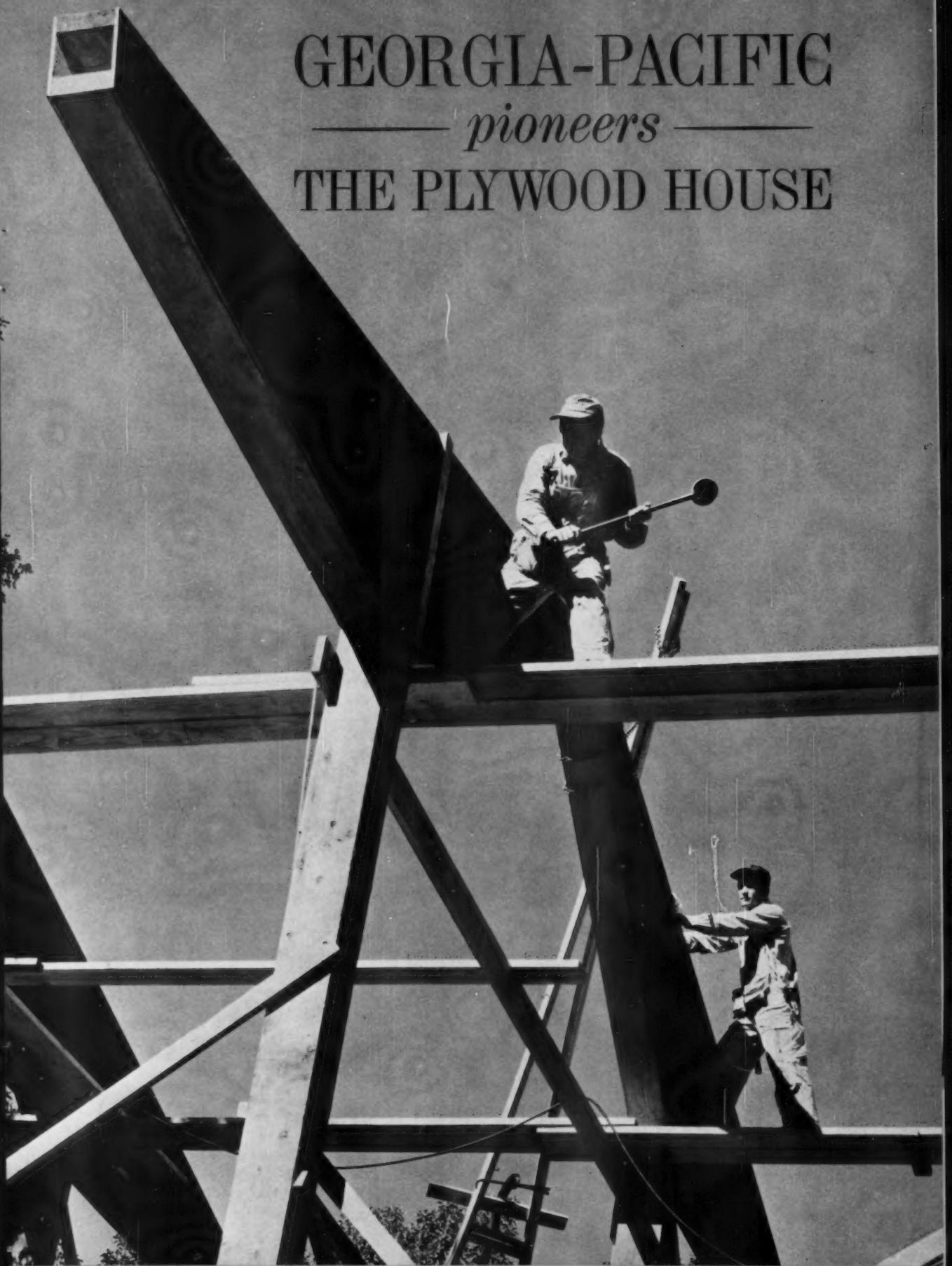
to meet higher monthly payments.

Builders Must Provide Leadership

We should give leadership to homeowners. . . . show them how to make their voices heard to fight unnecessary regulations which force up the cost of housing by adding cost without adding its equivalent in value. . . . join with our customers, who pay for the homes, in working together to overcome the obstacles which now deny home ownership to a greater and greater number of our potential buyers.

We—as organized builders—must realize that when we help more people to become home owners we not only help our city, state and nation, but we also help our industry.

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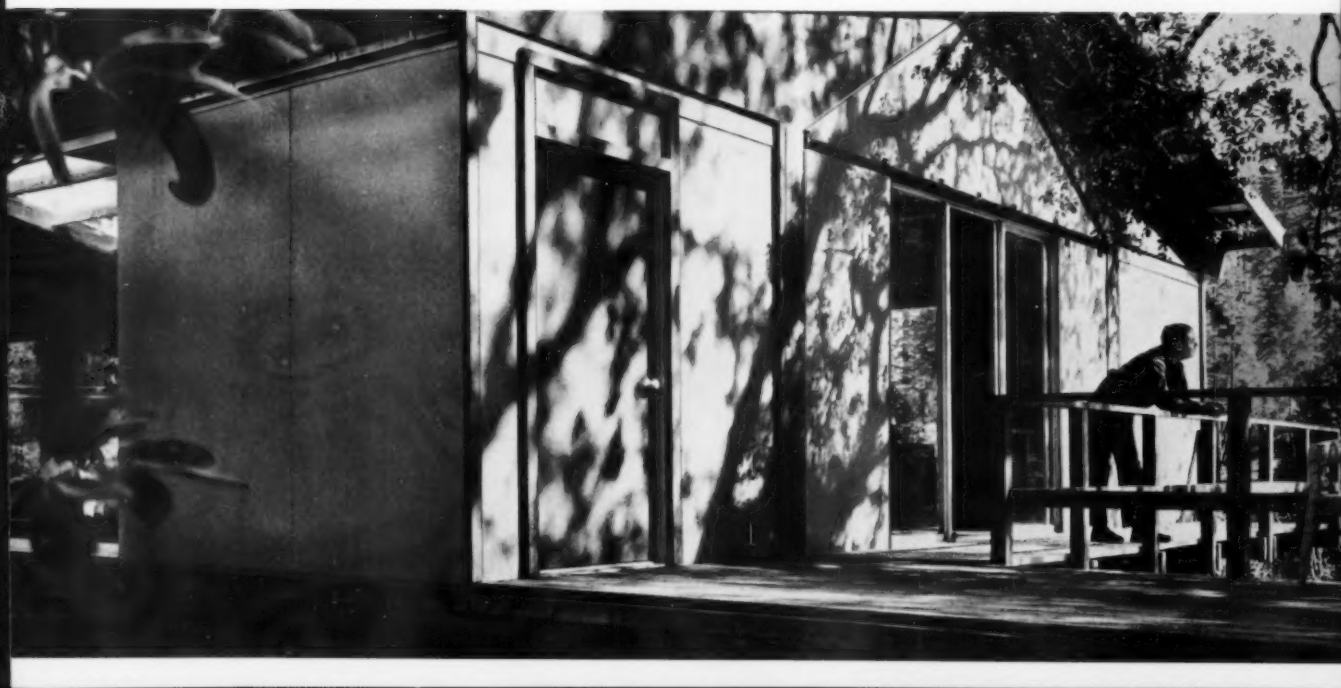


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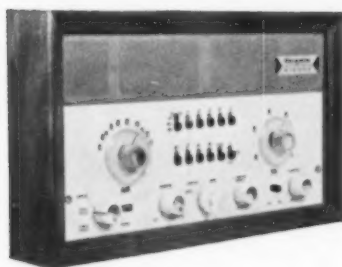


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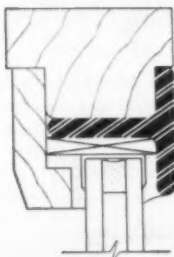
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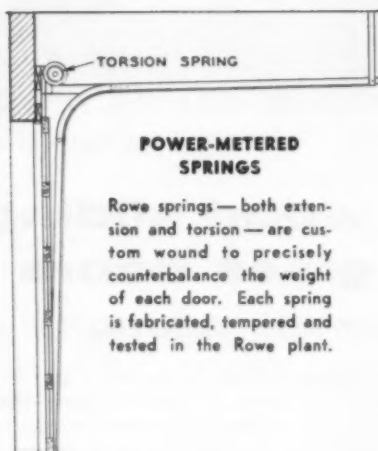
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Will You Sell Your Homes in 1961?

Many won't make it through '61, in the opinion of one nationally-known building authority, who has some suggestions in this article for builders who want to be among the survivors

American Builder editor Jackson Hand got these merchandising pointers when he talked recently with expert Jim Mills about "Post Sale Selling" (AB, Jan, '61).

The business of building houses and selling them at a profit will not be the same in 1961 as it was in 1960. If you swing into '61 with the ideas you used during '60, you may find it harder to sell houses . . . harder to make any money on the ones you do sell.

This is the opinion of Jim Mills, head of Home Facts, Inc., who has made a career of finding out what works in the building business—and what doesn't. Looking into 1961, American Builder sent a reporter to the Home Facts headquarters at New Canaan, Ct., to find out what Jim Mills believes will be the big differences in homebuilding success next year. He gave us these suggestions:

● **Ask questions** among your customers and prospects to find out what is, in their opinion, a good

house. Don't count any longer on selling a house just because you like to build it.

● **Go hunting** for customers and prospects. Don't expect droves of potential buyers to flock through a model home this year just because you offer them free cokes and balloons for the kiddies.

● **Merchandise livability.** Don't operate on the theory that a dry basement and a roof that doesn't leak are all that people want.

● **Learn how to sell.** Don't hide in a closet and think that prospects will look you up if they have any questions.

● **Sell 'em all over again** after they've moved in. Don't ignore the best promotional force you can enlist: the satisfied, contented, well-attended customer.

"The problem for 1961," Jim Mills says, "will stem from a know- ingness among potential house buyers. During 1960 they revealed a mounting boredom with the houses they were being shown. The great American pastime of visiting

model homes slacked off. Most people have already seen a house . . . so what else is new?

"Not enough, unfortunately, to keep the market stimulated purely with the excitement of new shapes or arrangements or equipment."

Jim Mills is not a pessimist. He is a chronic optimist. He doesn't predict a dismal year for 1961. He merely believes that the home builder who fails to produce a good product and neglects his merchandising will end the year with unsold units on his hands. The home builder who turns out what the people want—where they want it—displayed the way they'd like to see it, will sell more houses in 1961 than he did in 1960. And he will encounter no more price resistance than he met in 1960.

Research Important

Research in home-building-merchandising is no less important than it is in business endeavors with more of a Madison Avenue flavor about them. Even if you have only one fact about consumer preferences, you're better off than if you know absolutely nothing about what people would like.

The classic example is the builder who battered himself half senseless against consumer resistance while he plugged a house as the best-built residence available in the entire trading area. And it was. But the way it turned out, people were buying—when they did buy—on the basis of prestige location. He found this out when he talked to people who had already bought. When he switched his merchandising approach to

During The Year Ahead . . .

If you're a small builder: concentrate on custom-fitting the houses you build to the lot, to the community, and to the true social level of the neighborhood.

If you're a medium-size builder: spend more extra money to make your display home so attractive nobody could drive past it. Shop your competition to make sure someone is not beating the pants off you with sales features. Shop your own

salesmen, to make sure they aren't ducking the job, letting the sales just happen.

If you're a big builder: you can't start too soon researching the houses you have sold, the houses your competition has sold. You need to know—in 1961 more than ever—what works best so you can concentrate on that and stop wasting time on half-effective building features or marketing methods.

prestige—not merely quality—he sold out the development almost immediately.

You can sell people what they don't want if they are desperate. But the 1961 home buyer will not be desperate.

Research is not difficult—or expensive—or mysterious. You can gain valuable advantages by asking questions—by observing intelligently—by making comparisons—but always by applying the knowledge wisely.

For a big, big builder, research must be a job done by experts—even those with names that are famous in advertising and selling, says Jim Mills. Smaller builders can often pick up the proper type of questions by talking to the sociology or economics departments of state or local universities. The man who builds only a few units may have to ask his own questions—but ask them he must or he'll be shooting in the dark.

Luring Customers

Convinced that he is building the right house for 1961, the builder's next concern must be to attract customers. Big operators in this business learned during 1960 that there are few sales to be had as the result of advertising alone.

Display-page ads didn't bring the people out. Many builders started a switch to the classified pages, dominating them through size of ad and allowable display treatment. Result: more buyers in relation to investment.

But what made the houses move was expenditures on other attention-grabbing devices.

In Jim Mills' files are examples of painted signs and posters that were changed in design and gave people such an improved impression of a development that drop-ins increased.

"There is no doubt that money spent to make the building look good will produce customers," he says. "What they see when they drive past can either stop them—or send them on down the street."

Observing real estate salesmen who were showing his houses, one builder got to wondering why one of the salesmen was turning up more than his nominal share of the business. One day he bummed a ride out to the development with this salesman and was surprised to note that he drove a mile or more out of his way to get there.

"Why not cut across on Miller Street?" he asked.

"This way," the salesman pointed

out, "I avoid taking the prospect past those junky places along the canal, and instead I drive them past the country club. Besides, I always try to take people through the bought-and-lived-in part of the development, rather than the torn-up end where construction is still going on. The whole thing helps the impression they get of the neighborhood."

The builder called together all the salesmen and instructed them to take the longer, better route to the building site. Things started moving.

"The better you can make the model home look from the outside, the greater are your chances to get them inside, where sales are made. You can count the day long gone when customers will struggle along a row of planks laid down across a muddy yard, just for the privilege of walking around in a bare house."

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Trained salesmen will be an essential for profitable, fast-turning business in 1961. And don't complain that you can't afford sales training. The National Association of Home Builders has a book which you can buy for \$3.50 in which the complete "how-to" of real estate selling is told.

"Women are showing up more frequently in the sales end of new homes," Jim Mills reports. "They have always done well as brokers. And their ability to talk the nest-feathering language of womenkind is lifting sales for builders. In some cases, builders use both women and men for a one-two merchandising punch. The woman gushes and uses the feminine words. Then, when all the emotional appeals have registered, the male member of the selling team moves in, to close the sale."

10-point checkout for making 1961 a big year

Answer yes to these questions and you'll label yourself as a builder who doesn't trust too much to luck when he invests his time and money in a building project.

1. Can you produce a current and factual statement of the way people live in the houses you build? Do they feel at home?

2. Can you express the desirability of the houses you build in terms of their attraction to buyers, and liveability?

3. Can you drive toward your building area from any direction and see a built-up, lived-in neighborhood. Also forceful signs inviting inspection?

4. Do you keep a current, daily-revised map of the building situation in your area, as related to vacancies, sales, land breaking, sell-outs, socio-economic rise or decline, popular designs and plans?

5. Do you have a questionnaire for use in seeking out the best features of your houses from the viewpoint of people who have bought them? Do you use testimonials in your merchandising?

6. Can you produce at least ten features of superiority in your houses, as compared to those of your competition, that you know to be superior because you've shopped the competition to find out? Do you point them out to buyers?

7. Have you provisions for having your salesmen or realty firm shopped, to check on sales force on the actual scene? And spot checks on buyers' attitude toward salesmen?

8. Do you have a well-planned sales meeting every week—or oftener in the case of rapid changes in the market situation? Also salesmen's gripes and comments?

9. Can you show an advertising budget for 1961 which is a realistic extension of your experience in 1960? Does your budget allow for new merchandising methods?

10. Do you have a complete check-out list for your houses, which you go over with your customers—as a means of converting them still further into friends? Are you referred to other buyers?



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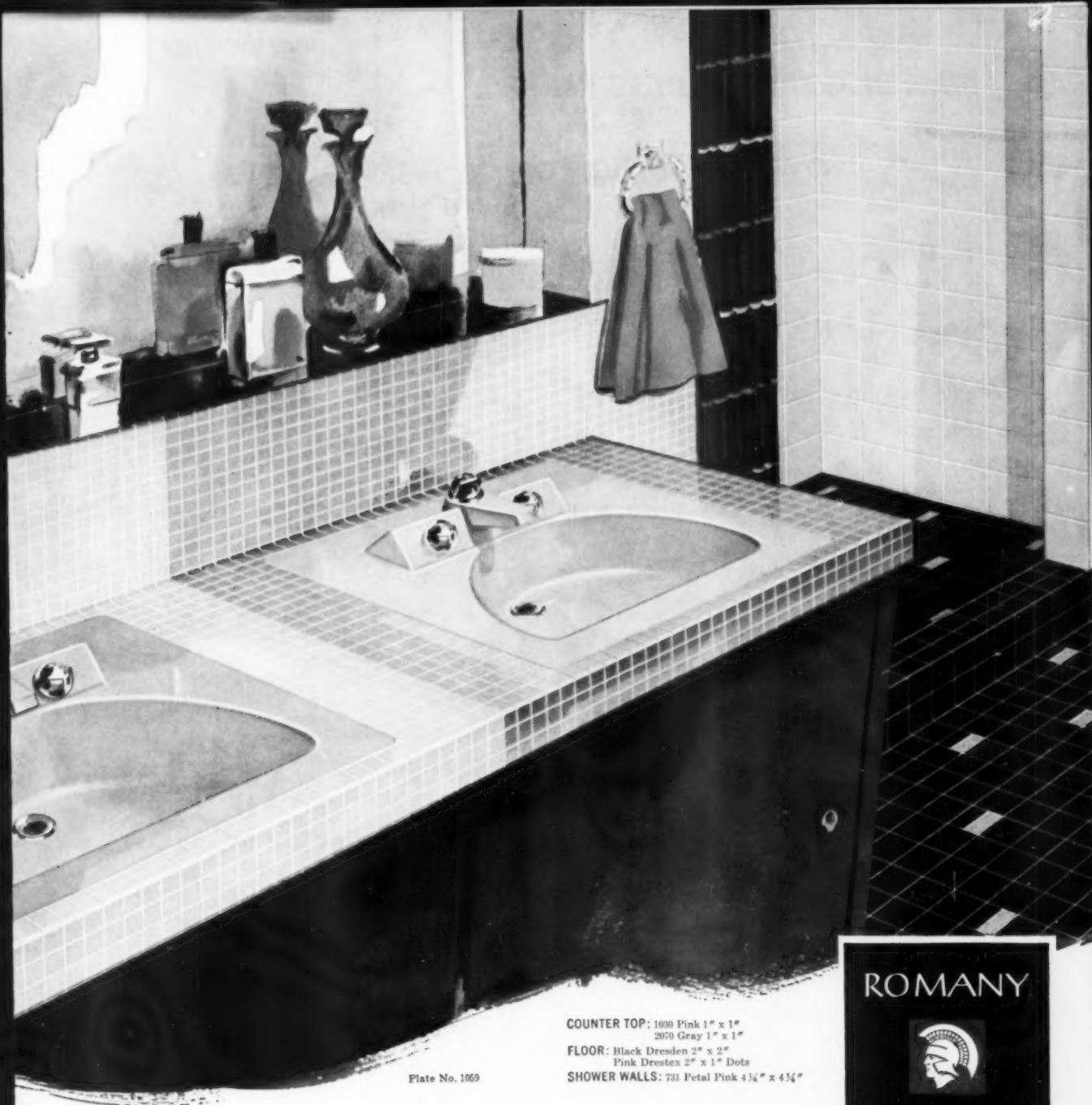
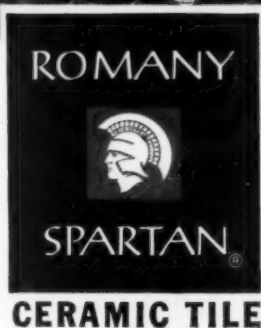


Plate No. 1059

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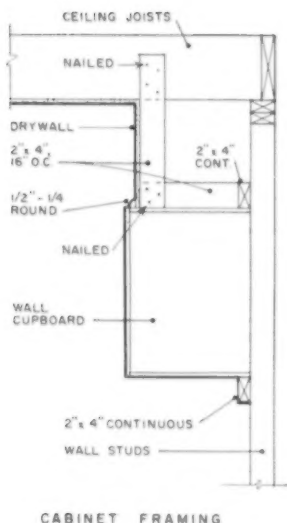


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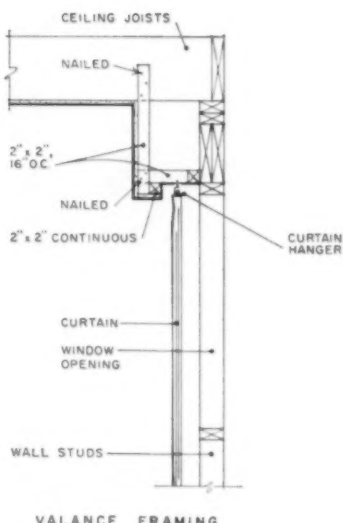


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VALANCE FRAMING

Question: What is the proper method of framing in the drop section of kitchen cabinets where the drop section at the ceiling line is approximately 12" deep, and about 14" from wall line?

Can you also suggest framing details for window valances?

Russel Jenkins
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Answer: In the majority of standard cupboard installations the cupboards are hung directly from the stud walls or from the ceiling joists and the back is supported against the stud walls.

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Cure for a bouncy floor

Question: Would like your advice on taking the springiness out of a first floor constructed of 2x8's 16" o.c. 15' nominal span, with one row of 1x3 bridging down the middle. I have thought of using steel bridging but want your advice before going ahead. A post has been placed under the apparent center of the springiness but to no advantage.

Richard D. Maddox
Baltimore, Maryland

Answer: There are two ways in which the springiness can be taken out of the floor. First, by additional rows of solid 2x8 bridging spaced equally between the existing rows of bridging. It is important that the solid bridging is tightly fitted and spiked to the floor joists. Another method is by nailing 2"x6" members to the side of each alternate floor joist. The 2"x6"s should be flush at the bottom of the floor joists and require no end bearing on the walls. The length of the 2x6's should be between 8 and 10'.

William Hornung
National Technical Inst. N. Y.
New York, N. Y.

40' truss uses short members

Question: I would like to have information on how to build 40' trusses for a barn roof. The walls are laid up with 8" concrete block.

The customer would like to use some of his own rough lumber (oak) for the bottom member which would serve as a ceiling joist. Most of his lumber is 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, rough oak (dried in the air) 10' to 14'-0" long. He would desire a 5" or 6" unit rise on the roof pitch. The trusses will probably be lathed with 1x3 furring, then V groove galvanized channel drain will be applied for the roof.

I wonder whether split ring connectors will be needed?

Frederick H. Kochler
Bath, Pa.

Answer: Considering the length of the members you have available, I would recommend that the truss be designed as a triangular fan truss. This would permit you to use the lengths that you have to best advantage with a minimum number of joints. The top chord has been cut into six bays which keeps the length of the members short.

I would definitely recommend a spacing of two feet on center because the largest size lumber you have would not be sufficient to construct a top chord strong enough to carry a 4'-0" spacing. The design should be based on a 40 lbs. sq. ft. vertical snow load.

Naturally the exact design of such a truss requires your consulting an engineer. While the use of split ring connectors is common in truss design, I would recommend investigation of plywood gusset plates properly nailed and glued.

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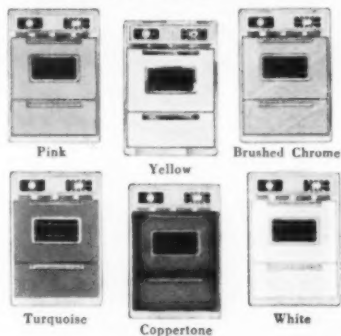
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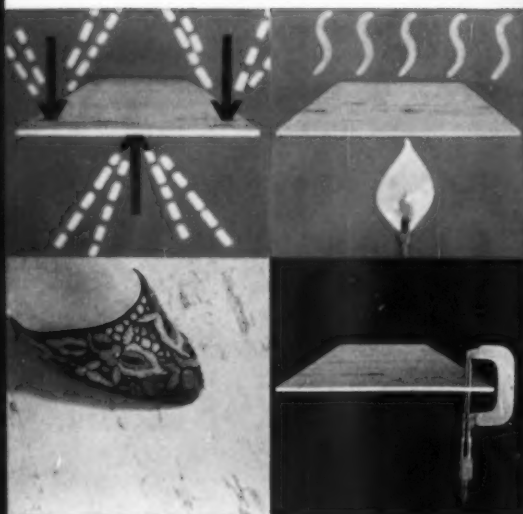
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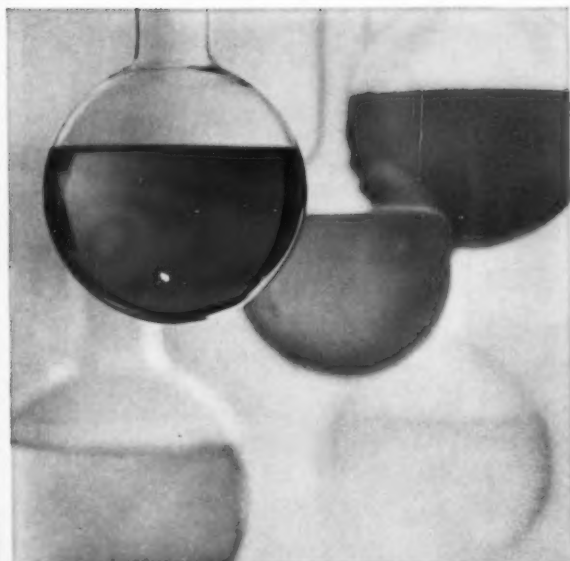
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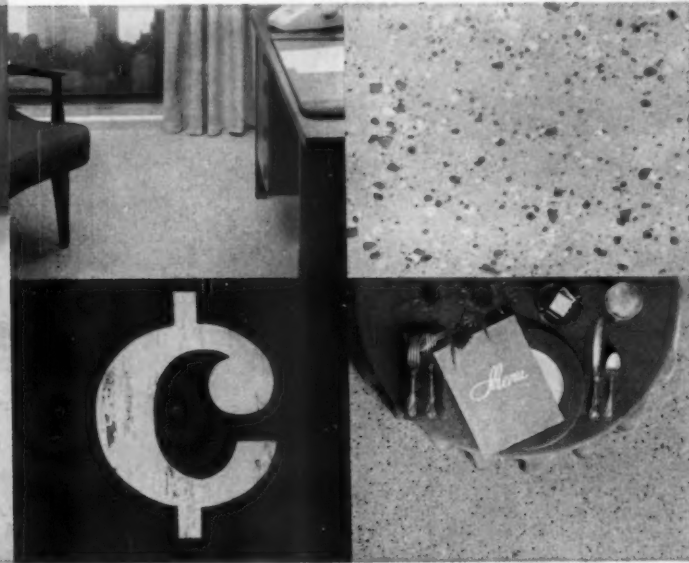
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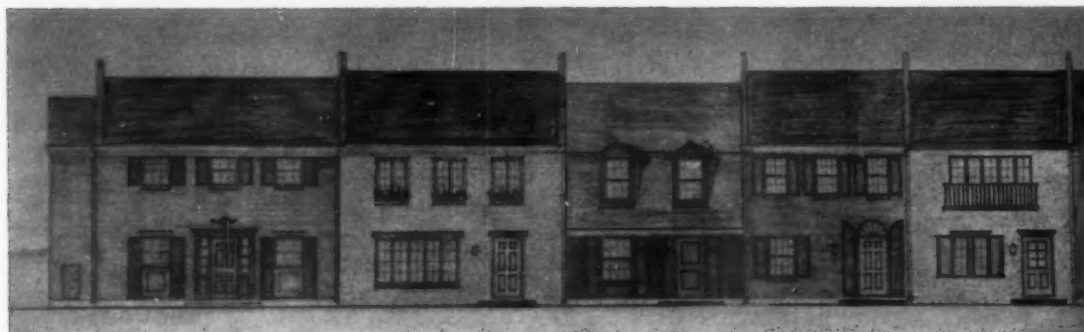


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Town houses planned as part of Houston



HOUSTON TOWN HOUSES: 13 of these and similar homes will be going up in Houston as part of a plan for a 250-building town-house arrangement. Builder-developer Ira

Berne will place them around the perimeter of his Westbury Square single-unit residential development. He's also planning a shopping center. (Photo: Houston Chronicle.)

Five of thirteen town houses scheduled for construction in Houston this month are shown above. They're just the beginning for builder-developer Ira Berne. By the time he's finished, Berne, who also operates in New York City, will have put up 250 town houses in his development of Westbury. The builder's Westbury Co. of Houston has already finished about 80% of the single family units in their Westbury Square suburb. Berne's present idea is to ring the perimeter of the development's Westbury Square with town houses.

Ultimate cost for the 250, he figures, will be about \$6 million dollars. As the original 13 are occupied through lease arrangement or sale, other units will be started. The houses were designed by architect William F. Wortham, Jr., with each unit containing the equivalent of a \$25,000 residence in space and appointments. Houses will have three bedrooms and two and a half baths. Each will be completely separate from the other except for their joint exterior walls. And Wortham plans a good deal of exterior design flexibility within the overall concept of the rows.

Berne has also made plans to build a large shopping center to accommodate his developments and the surrounding suburbs.

Crucial year ahead in Bay Area

The slowdown in construction that has been felt for some months by the rest of the nation is beginning to reach the Bay area in California.

This was the warning issued by Clarence E. Minnerly as he took office as president of the Santa Clara County Contractors and Home Builders Association. Minnerly warned builders that they and their sales organizations must work extra hard not only to build homes but to develop homes that a reluctant public will be willing to buy.

Following co-op trend? There's new help available

Working on the premise that there's a definite trend to co-op ownership of housing, a firm dealing in co-op advisory services has just set up shop on the West Coast. The F. C. Housing Co., Inc., which has already sponsored 29 co-operatives in 14 different states, has established itself in San Francisco to specialize in technical and advisory services for co-op housing and development. The outfit offers its services to builders interested in developing co-ops in single family homes, duplexes, "four-plexes," garden and high-rise apartments.

Currently the firm is working along with a large garden-type development in San Francisco's Western Addition. The Terra Linda Gardens is located in San Rafael and will provide 160 living units when completed. Average down payment, the firm explained, will be about \$750, with carrying charges running from \$100 up. Charges will include, as in home buying, all taxes, all interest and amortization, plus added services of maintenance and all utilities.

Seattle reports home modernization best bet

Although the residential construction picture in Seattle is about comparable with the rest of the country, i.e. off, prospects in the home modernization field are looking up.

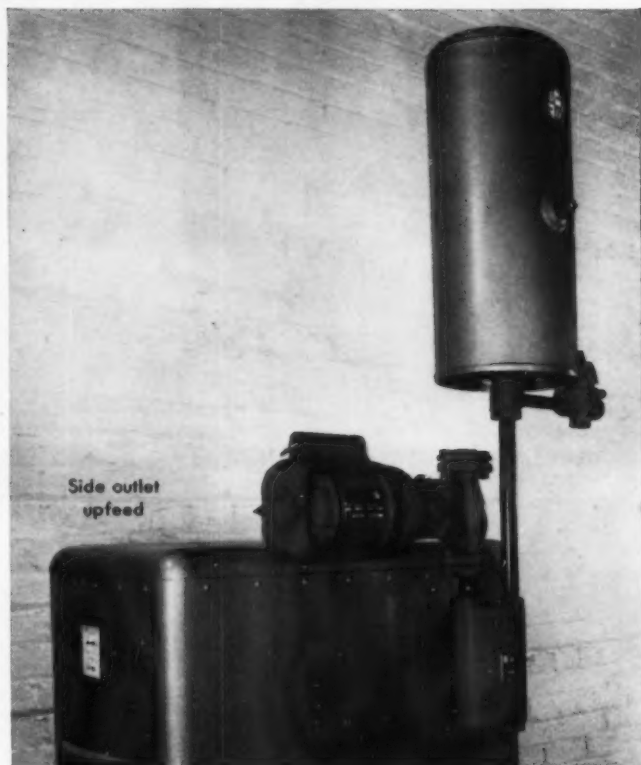
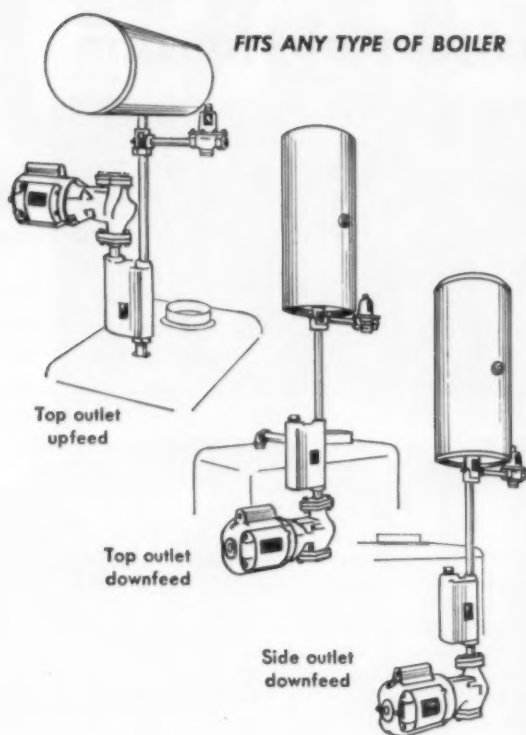
According to a recent Seattle Home Builders report, dollar volume in this field has grown steadily over a number of years and when the complete figures are in, 1960 is expected to set a record level for remodeling contractor operations in the greater Seattle area.

"In all probability," says the Seattle report, "home modernization will expand further in 1961. Many home owners, discouraged by the difficulty of trading older houses for new ones, are modernizing or planning to modernize. Attractive products such as new siding materials, improved kitchens and the like are also encouraging such decisions. In addition, financing for modernization programs is readily available on fairly attractive terms."

Dallas Parade planned

Plans are already underway in Dallas for a June 1961 Parade of Homes. Site selection committee of the Home Builders Association of Dallas County has announced locations of three Parade sites: one for homes from \$20,000 to \$30,000; a second for homes from \$30,000 to \$40,000 and a third site for homes from \$40,000-up. A fourth site, for homes under \$20,000, will also be chosen for the Parade.

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REPORT FROM THE WEST



A LOT OF LAND: 93,000 acres of it to be exact, will go into the new Irvine Ranch development in Orange County, Southern California. Plans include a new University of California campus, a town, apartments, single-family units.

By 1980: houses, jobs for 280,000 in one development

California's booming Orange County is girding itself for another population wave. Recent plans for the conversion of the 93,000-acre Irvine Ranch in the county into a residential and industrial area will probably provide, in its first planning phase, housing and employment for a population of 280,000 by 1980.

Directors of the Irvine Company have stressed their desire to develop the property in an orderly manner so that when finished it "will fulfill its destiny as a model land development in the most dynamic period of our region's history." The Southern California land, which stretches from the Pacific Ocean to the Santa Ana Mountains, will eventually be divided into three zones. One is a university town which will adjoin the proposed University of California campus northeast of Upper Newport Bay.

The university town will cover 130 acres and be patterned after the famous university towns of Europe. Beyond its civic center will be a green belt and its single-family residences.

Second planning zone is a resort area along the upper bay and Irvine Center, a dramatic shopping center and office site which will have apartment houses, hotel, and single family homes as well as green belts clustered around it.

The third major division of the ranch will be its central zone, to be kept in agriculture at present and later developed into a residential area. Adequate land is also being set aside within the zones for industrial development.

Bedroom passes kitchen as "best seller"

According to one Northern California building firm, the kitchen is no longer the new home's biggest selling point. Branden Construction Co. of Hayward just finished a report on its 1960 home purchase trends. They found that a larger number of bedrooms and a bigger master bedroom suite rates "top" on the prospect's list.

Korean veterans, the builders announced, are buying about 62% of the firm's "G.I. homes" with Navy veterans making up 44% of this group. The veterans, unlike their World War II counterparts, are not dazzled by an automatic kitchen, nor did they report to the builders that "the kitchen sold us." The refrain today, reports Branden, is for parents "to get away from it all" with a larger master bedroom and private bath arrangement.

Average Korean vet at the home-buying stage was 29, the firm found. Branden's average price: \$15,516.

Houston will get Texas-size building center

"The most dramatic (home building) center of its kind in the country" is the way the Houston Home Builder Association describes its forthcoming two-million dollar project. The center, located on a four-acre site on the West Loop in Houston, will be "dedicated to the advancement of the building industry of the Texas Gulf Coast."

Actually it will consist of two major structures, a 250,000 sq.ft. two-story exhibit building and auditorium, plus an adjoining office tower planned for a maximum of ten floors. Building committee chairman, Raleigh Smith, Jr., of the HHBA, said:

"It will serve as a one-stop shopping and idea center for anyone interested in building or buying a new home. It will be an information center for the consumer and the builder. It will offer suppliers an opportunity to attractively display their products and tell their story to the people. It will serve as a meeting place for the industry and a testing laboratory for new product ideas; as a focal point for architects and builders to bring their clients."

In case that sounds like a lot for one center to accomplish, the Houstonians have planned to lease exhibit space to manufacturers, suppliers, builders, developers and service organizations in the large two-story exhibit center. An auditorium for special displays or meetings of up to 1,000 persons will cover most of that building's second floor. A glass bridge will connect this building with the office tower, planned to house architects, builders, sales people, and others in trade.



CENTER IN HOUSTON: Texan "big-thinking" is obvious in this drawing of the proposed new Houston Home Building Center. Two story building will house the HHBA, manufacturers' display, meeting rooms and an auditorium.

SELECTED WESTERN HOUSE



New England design

For transplanted New Englanders, and for Texans interested in early-American design, San Antonio builder Edward S. Huddleston has the answer. He offers this spacious "New Englander" ranch model for \$25,850 with land.

Huddleston reports that authenticity has paid off in sparking cus-

tomers enthusiasm for the 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch. Examples: he built exterior walls of field stone or used brick and crowned the fireplace with a mantel carved from a hand-hewn log.

The model is constructed on a fully-landscaped 80'x140' lot, and has a full line of electric appliances.

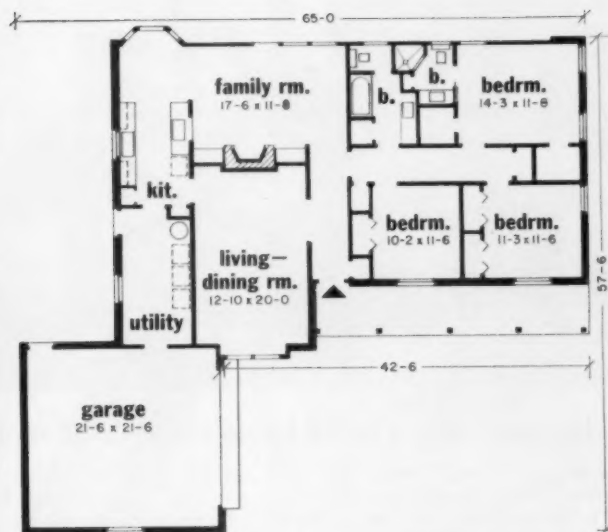
Quality Products In This House—General Electric washer-dryer, kitchen appliances and heating system; Kohler plumbing fixtures; Alenco aluminum windows; Hicks ceramic tile; Armstrong vinyl tile; Vanguard carpeting; Delta Mill kitchen cabinets; NuTone exhaust fans; Wilco interior doors; Formica convertops.



ALL ELECTRIC KITCHEN is laid out in U-shaped pattern, has disposer, range, refrigerator and built-in oven.

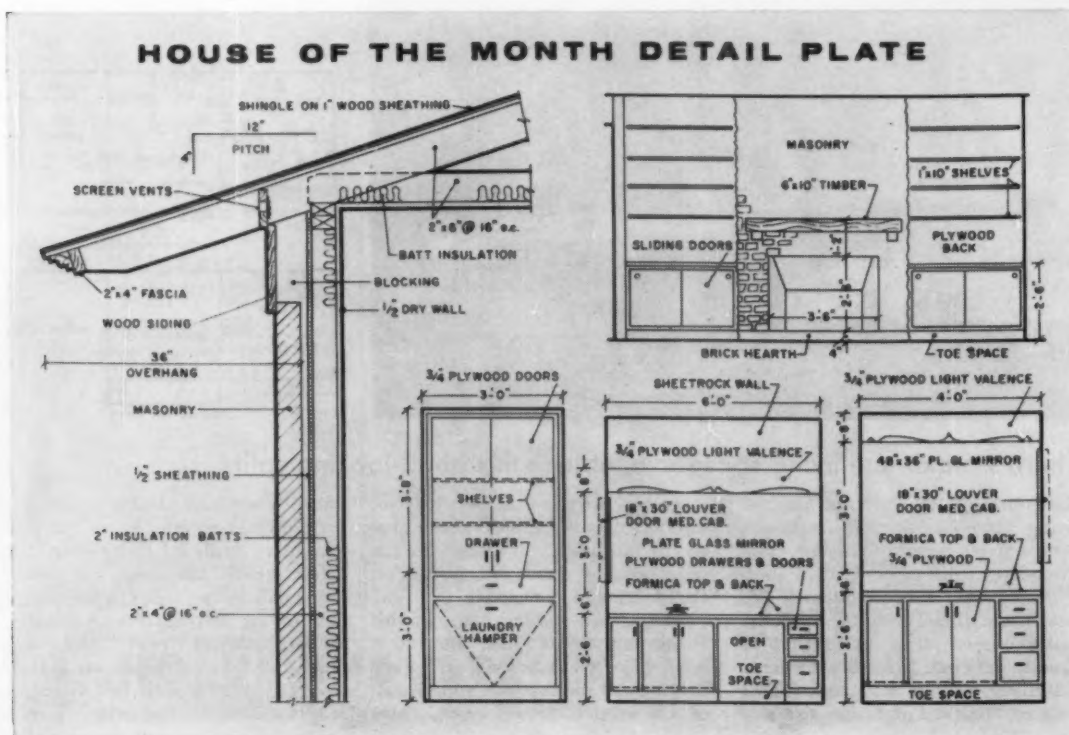


"KEEPING ROOM" is the early-American term builder Huddleston applied to this handsome family room in the "New Englander" model to maintain aura of authenticity. Fireplace and hearth are grey field stone, walls of antique ash.

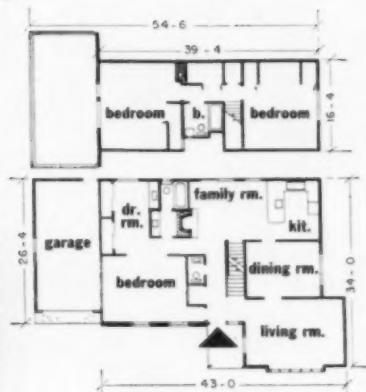


FLOOR PLAN shows disposition of "New Englander" model's 1,708 sq. ft. of finished living space. House is constructed on a slab. Porch-patio and closet space is emphasized. Hand-made pavers in vestibule and window seat in living room are popular with buyers.

pays off in Texas



SELECTED NORTHERN HOUSE



This colonial is a lot of house for \$17,990 and it brings in the buyers

Aptly named the "Bonus One" by the Gunston Construction Corp. of Haddonfield, N. J., this model is being built in the Whitman Square development in Turnerville, N. J.

The home is priced at \$17,990, including a 75 by 127 1/2 ft. lot.

Builders Charles Hennighausen and Douglas Goodwin note that the model's colonial design has

given it the curb appeal necessary to stop passersby and bring them in. Once inside, viewers can judge for themselves the validity of the "Bonus One" designation.

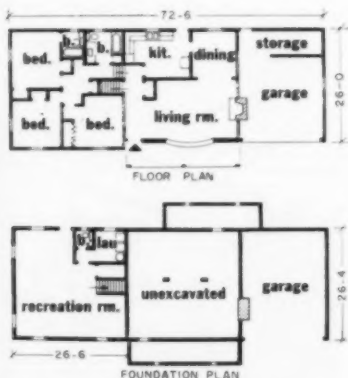
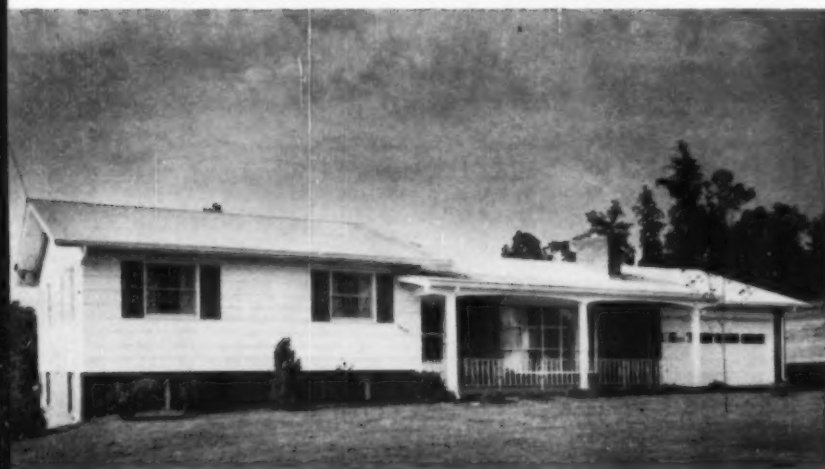
This 1 1/2-story Cape Cod model has a large bedroom, full bath and dressing room (designated "owner's wing") on the ground level. In addition, there is a living room, sepa-

rate dining room, kitchen and family room.

On the second floor are two bedrooms, a full bath, and ample closet and storage space. There's also a popular "plus" for buyers on the second floor: access to a sun deck atop the attached 1-car garage.

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Builder Claude McSpadden pinpointed "balance of design and the

large bow window" as best exterior sales features. He reports that "large rooms and quality of finish" are the most popular items with buyers on the interior of the model.

Among the specific items in this 3-bedroom home that inevitably catch viewers' eyes is the 2-car garage that adds to the spacious appearance of the model. Other eye catchers

were a separate dining room plus additional eating space in the kitchen; built-in dishwasher and electric oven and range, and central air-conditioning that can be controlled on an individual-room basis.

McSpadden's model has 2 1/2 baths. It is constructed on a large lot (100'x150'), with full landscaping included in the price.

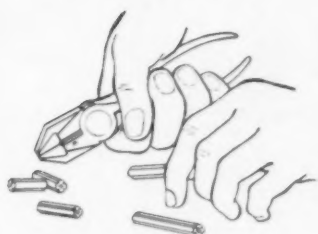
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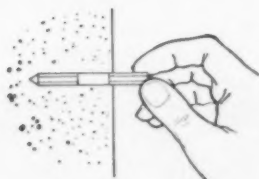
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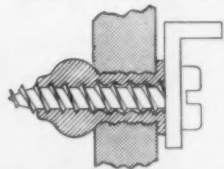
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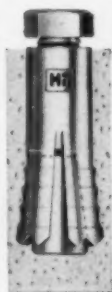


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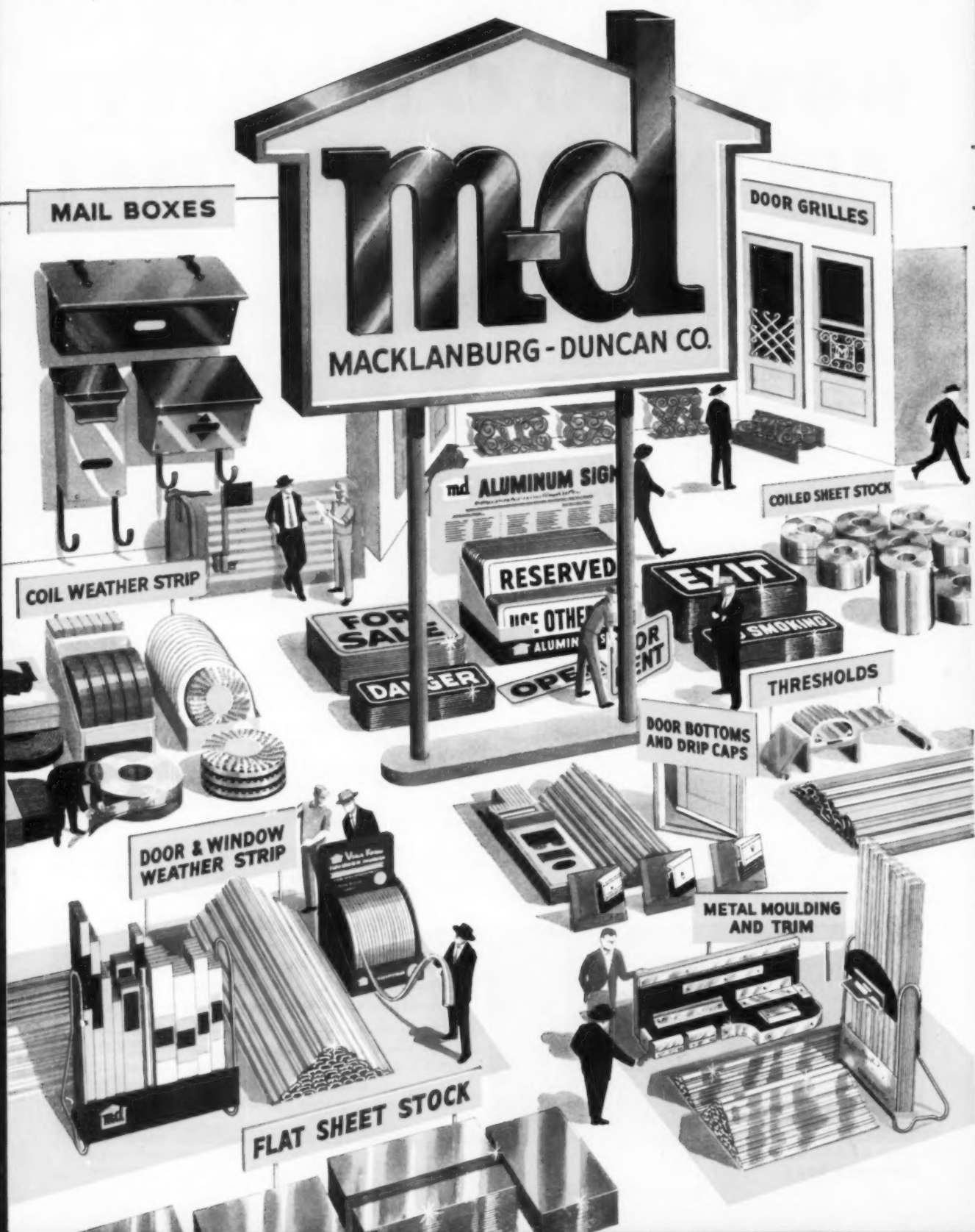
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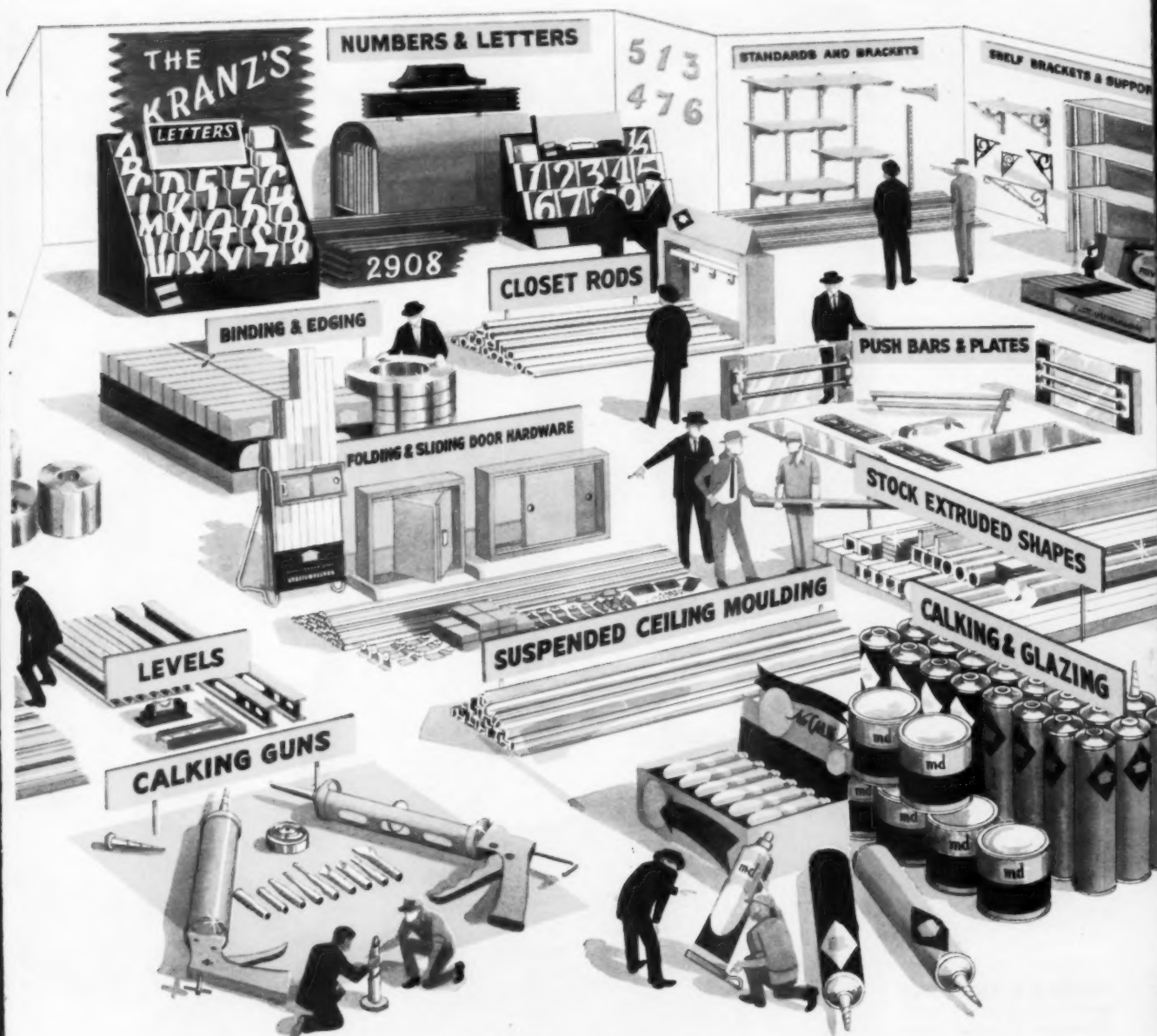
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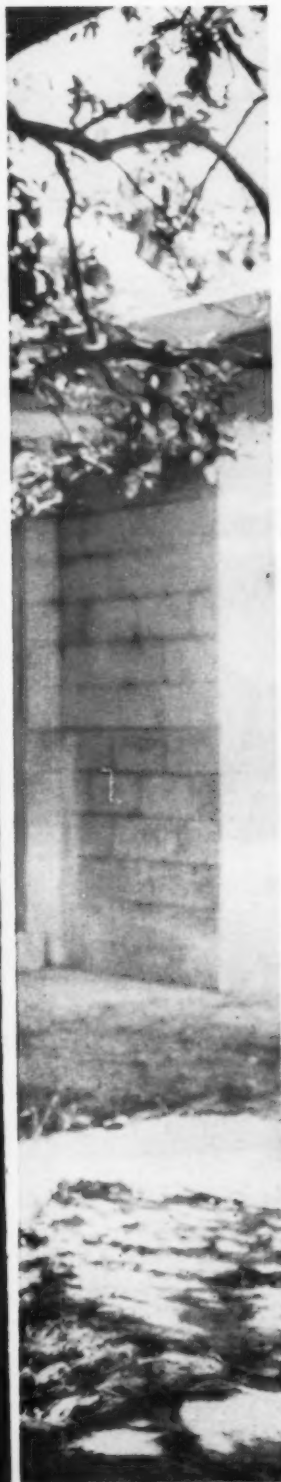
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Charles Cheezem, builder and developer of Ridgewood Groves in St. Petersburg, Fla., shows how electric house heating helps him sell \$13,000 homes to the cost-conscious retirement market.

"It *does* get cold in Florida. Consumer awareness and demand for electric heating has shown fantastic growth in just the last year," says Cheezem. "And our salesmen are enthusiastic about all the extra advantages that electric house heating gives them to demonstrate."

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"And speaking as a builder," Cheezem adds, "electric house heating makes my job a lot easier. I deal with only one subcontractor, instead of at least four. And people in the business recognize the superiority of electric heating. One of our electricians just bought a home from us."

Charles Cheezem's experience shows why builders across the nation are joining the swing to electric house heating. Now more than 850,000 homes in the U. S. benefit from the clean comfort of flameless electric heat. For this reason, every profit-minded builder owes it to himself to learn all he can about electric house heating.

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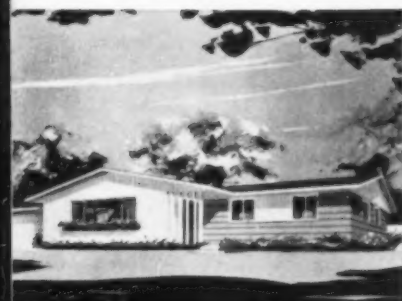
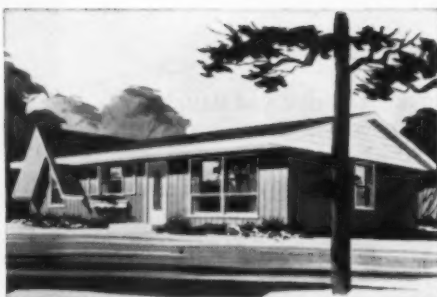


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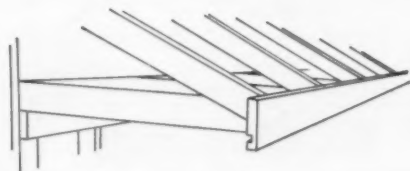
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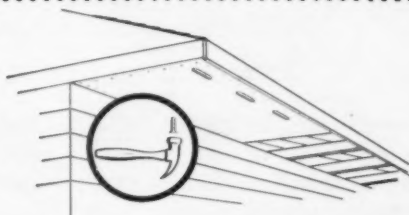
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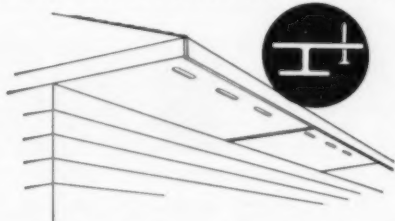
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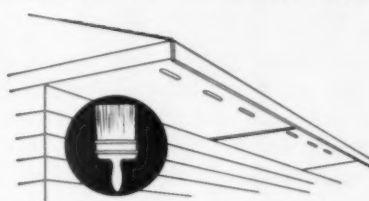
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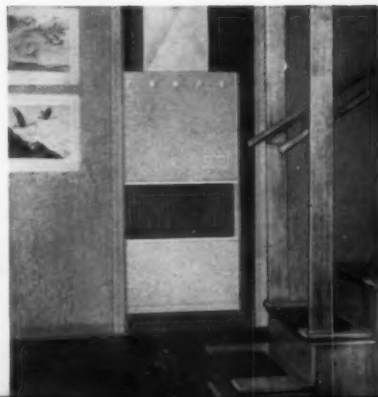
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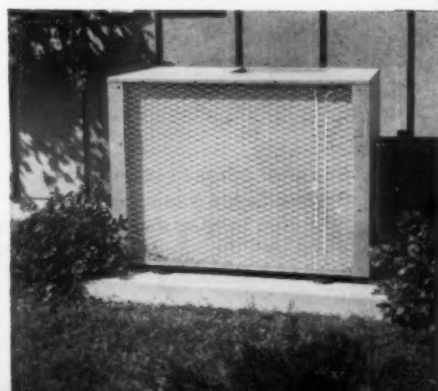
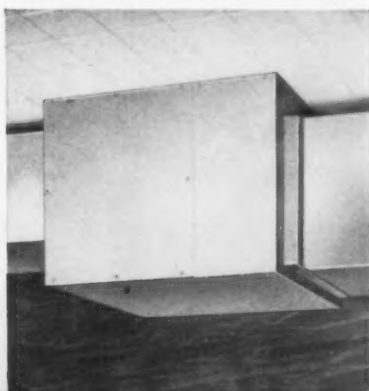
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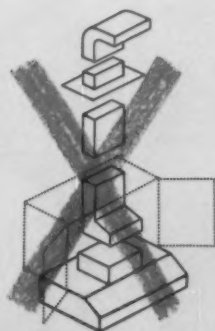
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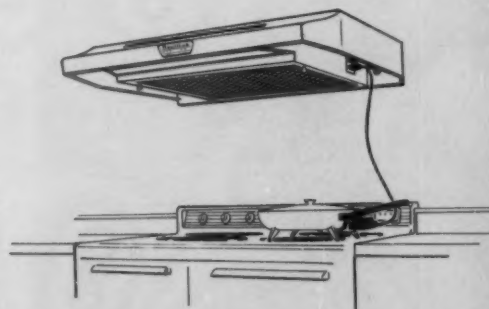
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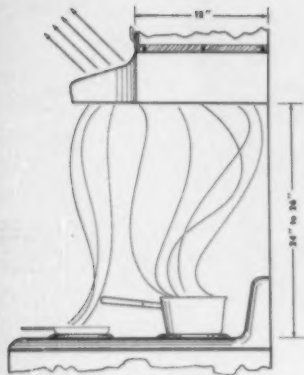
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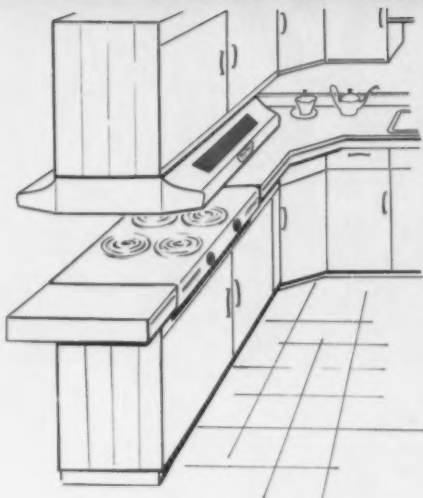
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New handy outlet for coffee makers, electric skillets and other appliances.



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Peninsular model also available



Snap-out filters are easy to remove. Sturdily mounted motor and fan located above filters for maximum efficiency.

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- Extra large activated charcoal filter
- Quiet operation
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Finishes:

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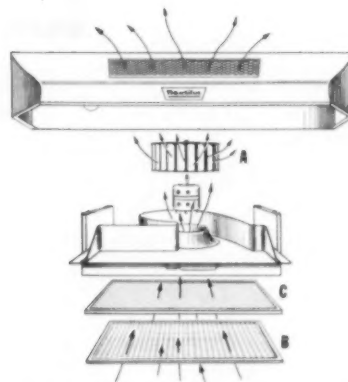
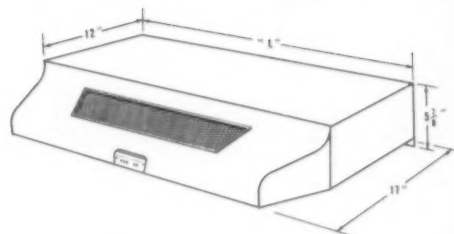
Features:

- Snap-out permanent fine-mesh, double thick aluminum grease filter—easily cleaned in hot water and detergent ($22\frac{3}{4}" \times 11" \times \frac{1}{2}"$).
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One of a complete line of NO-DUCT Range Hoods manufactured by Major Industries, Inc.,

WESTERN Section

Land disappearing in the West by Bill Rodd

FARMLAND DISAPPEARING: Governor Brown of California says that more than 50% of the state's best agricultural soil lies in the growth areas of cities and that unless something is done about it, 3,000,000 acres of such land will be turned into home or industry sites. The governor believes that "bold, decisive action is needed to stop this erosion," but he has not to date spelled out what he intends to do. Perhaps the just-formed California Assn. of Land Developers comprising over 100 California developers, will concern itself with the problem.

COME OUT: "\$92 Moves You In, Not a Cent More" . . . "Lease Your Home—Buy Later" . . . "Have Lunch With Us" . . . "Coffee and Donuts Served 11 to 4." These are some of the appeals made in big ads in the Los Angeles papers by developers who want to expose their homes to reluctant buyers.

REPORT ON S.U.R.E.: Seattle's Urban Renewal Enterprise is marching right along. Now underway are 4-unit, 8-unit, 9-unit and 11-unit apartments built by four different builders. New apartments in the area, only a few blocks from downtown, are renting for \$89 (one-bedroom), \$99 (two-bedrooms)—and there is a waiting list. This is a far cry from the situation a little over a year ago when new construction didn't exist, residents were moving out and property owners were letting their buildings deteriorate. Then vacant lots found no takers; now they bring 50¢ per sq. ft. There are over 100 of them, all zoned for multiples, with streets, curbs, and sewers in. Hundreds of buildings need rejuvenation—a rich market just waiting for remodelers.

SURROUND GOLF COURSE: Six miles south of San Jose, Del E. Webb Construction Co. in joint venture with Henry Crown, realtor-industrialist, is developing a \$45,000,000, 1200-acre project surrounding the Alamedan Country Club. The homes will sell for \$30,000 and up. Over 50 homes are already under construction by individual builders who bought the sites from the Webb Co. Swimming and tennis facilities are planned for completion this year.

OBSOLETE BUILDING CODES: Henry Charles Burge, Dean of the School of Architecture, USC, asks interested persons to write to AIA, or to their legislators, urging action on obsolete codes. Burge recently authored a resolution which was adopted by the California Council of the AIA involving a program dedicated to the development of a single building code for all construction in California.

WHAT CAN WCLA DO to help builders? That's the question posed to American Builder by Bob Mahaffey, general manager of West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. WCLA is already doing a lot for builders by promoting home ownership with their fine consumer advertising program which reaches over 100,000,000 people annually; supplying builders with technical data, etc. But they want to do more. Any ideas from builders will be welcome.

EMPLOYMENT GAIN IN L.A.: According to Security First National Bank there was a net gain of more than 54,000 jobs despite a sharp cut in aircraft employment, for the 12 months ending September 1960. The increase was principally

in non-manufacturing lines. This vitality and resilience should mean more homes.

HOUSING CREDIT: It isn't the answer to the housing slump, said Charles Wellman of Glendale Federal S&L Association in an address at the BCA Congress in Las Vegas. Wellman stated that although housing led us out of the 1954 and 1957 recessions it cannot be expected to do so in 1961. His reasons: we entered 1960 having just completed the record year of 1959 in housing starts and there is no backlog of urgent demand. He said that although the new administration is committed to lower long term interest rates, there are many difficulties in the way and there is little hope that the new rates will come quickly. He warned against too much preoccupation with housing credit. He said that instead the industry should be doing even more to solve the basic problems of cost which have increased the price of housing twice as high as the general price level has risen in the past 70 years.

1961's Big Opportunity is for the contractor who can diversify his operation to take advantage of different markets at different times. This was the view of Dr. James M. Gillies of UCLA, speaking at the same convention.

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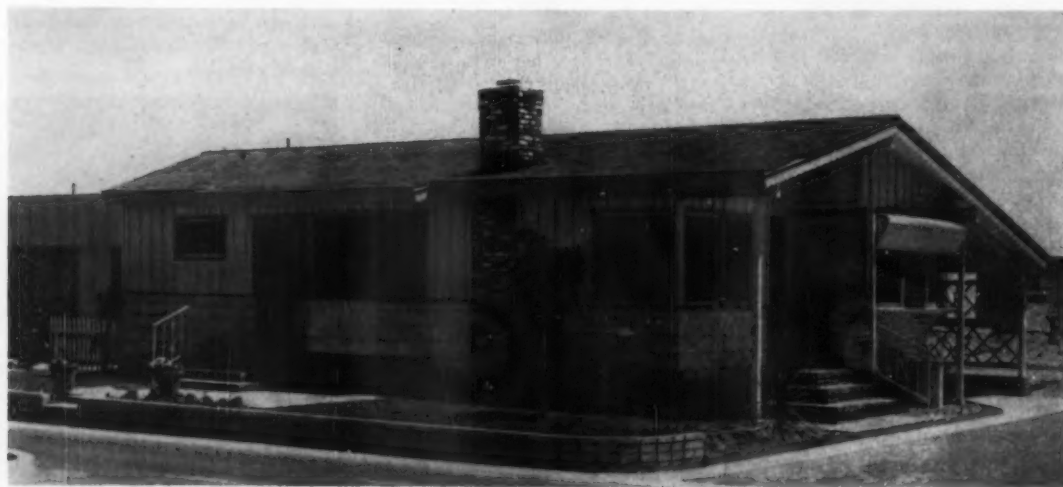
How to get a lot of mileage

Thirty acres of prime bay-front property at Newport Beach, California (land-value—\$2,000 per frontage foot), was sub-divided into 2,200 sq. ft. lots with enough room for 300 mobile-cabana homes

If you're worried about rising land costs and/or the competition of mobile homes, take a good look at this solution, Bayside Village in Newport Beach, Calif.

Land here was limited (about 30 acres); it was valued at \$2,000 per frontage foot on the bay; and it was for lease, not sale.

A local group of developers and builders leased the property and





◀ **GOING UP:** Unit 1 of Bayside Village, Newport Beach, Calif. Pie-shaped wedge of land on harbor's Upper Bay will eventually hold 300 "mobile cabana homes." Photo shows some coaches in place waiting to be roofed-over.

VILLAGE CENTER of attraction is this two-story recreation building owned by development. Among its conveniences, a heated swimming pool, sun deck, snack bar, lounge and private bathing beach. Boat slips fan out on both sides.

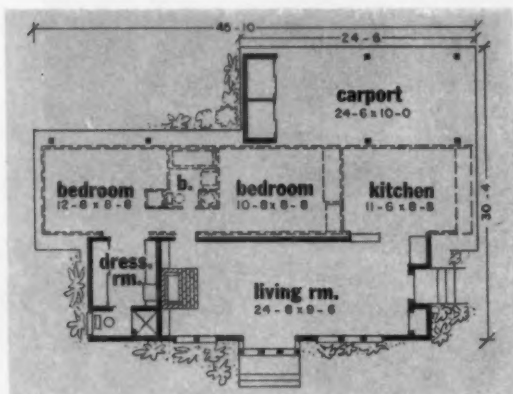
out of a little land

promptly divided it into 2,200 sq. ft. lots. On each lot they built a 12' x 40' cabana and hooked it up with a 10' x 50' mobile coachtrailer. The cabana section provides a living room, dressing room and bath, the mobile home furnishes another bath, kitchen and two bedrooms. The trailers are specially designed to open up fully into the cabana giving the effect of one building.

Bayside Village development includes underground telephone, utility and TV coaxial cables. A two-story village club house, swimming pool and beach plus 300 rentable boat slips finish off the Village's remaining square footage.

Prices range from \$15,950 to \$25,000 depending on size and lot location. In addition owners pay \$80 to \$150 a month for land rental.

Land is leased for 25 years, can be renewed for another 30. Prices are well under the average in this high-priced resort area and allow buyer to move in on \$2,000 down payment. Best proof of a good idea: first unit of 144 homes is nearing sellout. A second unit is on the planning board with actual construction a matter of months away. Should sell equally fast.



◀ **MOBILE HOME** is completely roofed in (see photo, left) and provides two bedrooms, bath and kitchen. This cabana adds a living room, dressing room and second bath, also covers carport in rear. Coach is designed to open into cabana.



INTERIOR of combined stationary and mobile homes at Bayside Village. Photo is taken from trailer kitchen and dining area looking into the permanent "cabana" living room. Special coach design gives "one-structure" effect.

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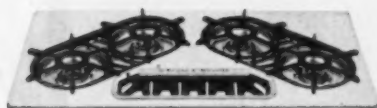


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SIDeways BUILDER: E. M. Merbitz (left) with job supt., Russ Bennett.

How to "go commercial": use a contract system

E. M. Merbitz (K&M Co.) of Pasadena, Calif., took his first sideways move into the commercial market when he became interested in the proposed St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Monrovia, Calif. The building involved such items as plywood vaults, stained-glass windows, high concrete-block walls (all foreign to his usual residential work) so Merbitz was doubly cautious on figuring his bid. He estimated each item on the plans and specs separately, then asked his superintendent to do the same job over. Each "caught" the other out on several items. The combined result was a bid that stood firm. K&M got the job and the church was completed within the original figure submitted.

Once finished with St. Paul's, Merbitz looked around for more commercial work. He did not, however, follow the practice, common among contractors, of submitting bids on a lot of different jobs. Bid preparation, he felt, ate up too much precious time and was often completely wasted when another contractor underbid and walked off with the job. Merbitz also found that a good many such bids are too often way "off" the actual final construction figure, thus doing neither the contractor nor the prospective owner any business good.

Merbitz's solution was a negotiated contract. He tried this plan out on the first office building that K&M was asked to bid on. After a preliminary study, Merbitz told the owner that he "thought" the building could be done for under \$65,000. But he wouldn't make a

firm bid without making up material lists, getting prices, sub bids, etc. He also suggested that he talk over the job with each sub and get his ideas on better or less expensive building methods and materials, and that he double-check the plans to be sure that no essentials were omitted. Merbitz asked in return: a \$500 deposit for the detailed study, then a flat 10% over and above the entire cost of the building. (The deposit would be forfeited by the owner should K&M not get the contract. The owner, in return, would have K&M's estimate study).

Merbitz's prospective owner bought the deal. He felt he couldn't get Merbitz's supervisory services from any reputable contractor for less than 10%. He liked the idea of benefiting from the subs' experience. And he liked another clause in K&M's contract that called for 75% of any savings under contract price to return to the owner, while 25% went to the contractor.

Things went pretty much the way Merbitz figured. He was able to shave \$1,000 off the final cost by suggesting changes in lighting, the concrete work and in using some wood partitions instead of steel. The owner likes his building, liked his 75% of the savings, expects to give K&M his next commercial job.

Currently Merbitz is working on a small medical building. Merbitz is also getting a real kick out of the transition from builder to general contractor. By approaching his new problems slowly and carefully, he expects to make the transition without any costly mistakes.



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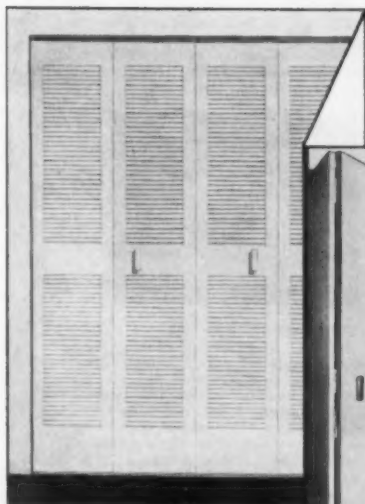
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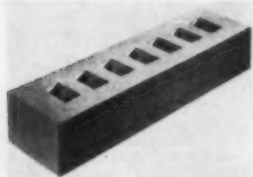
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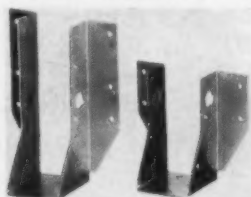
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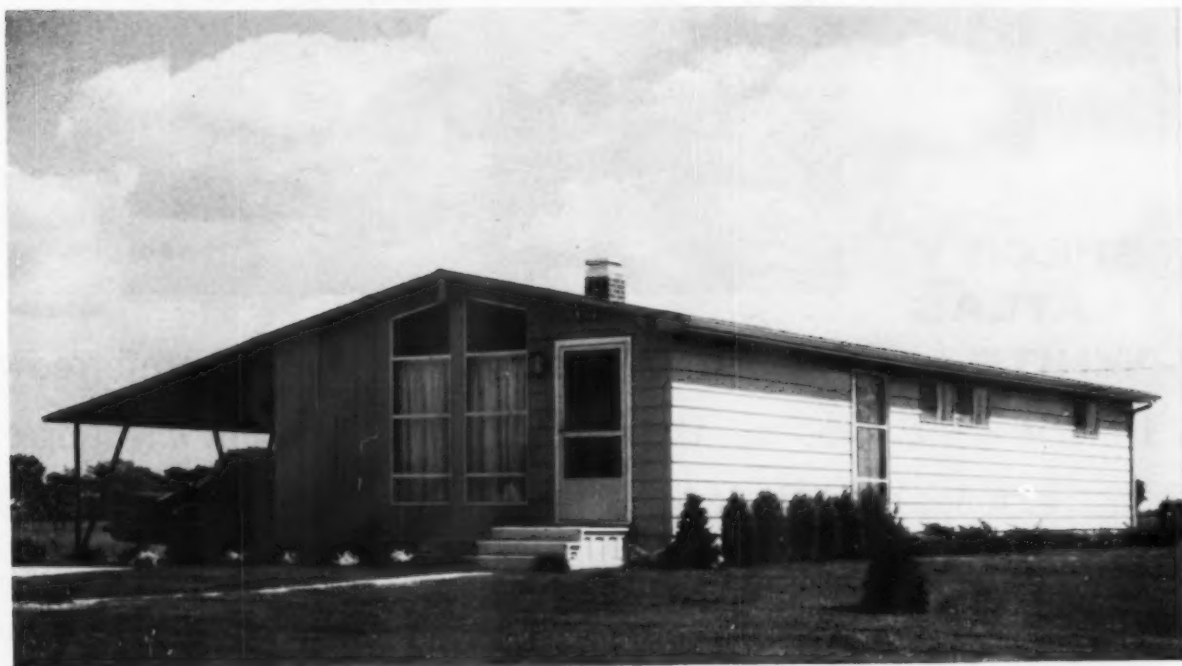


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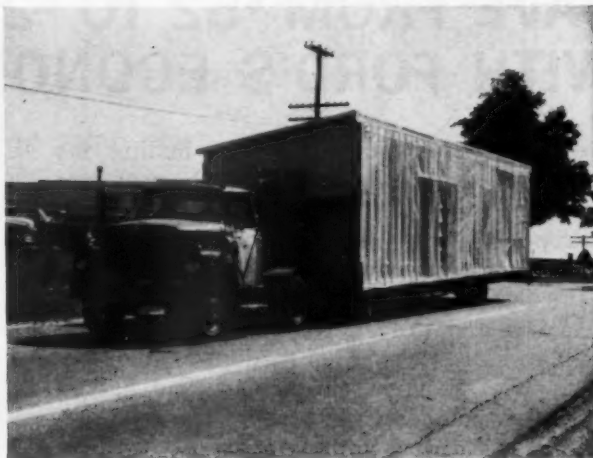
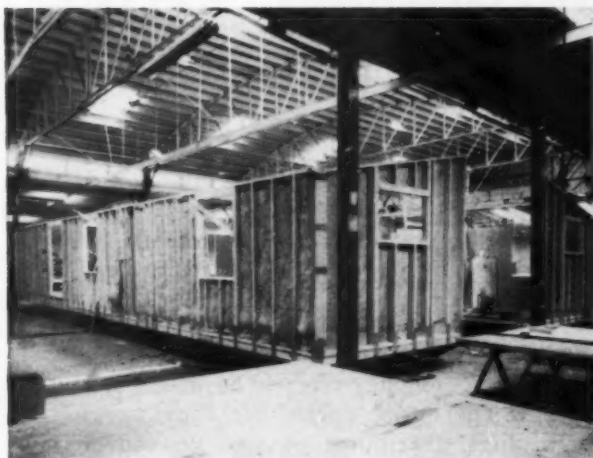


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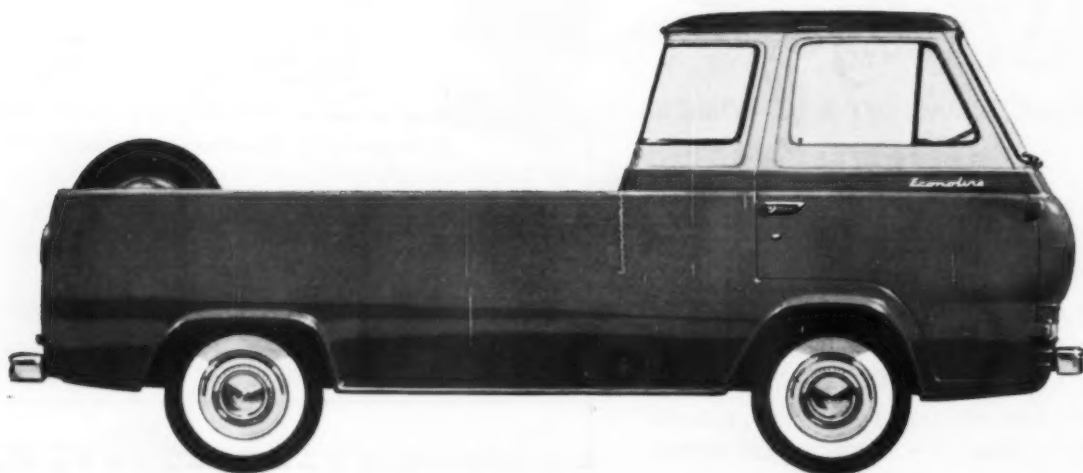
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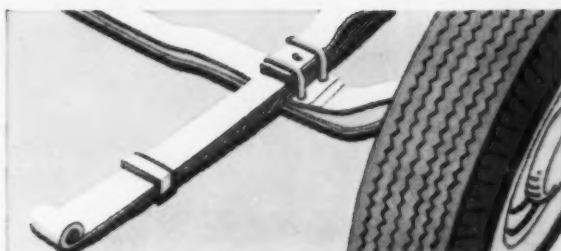
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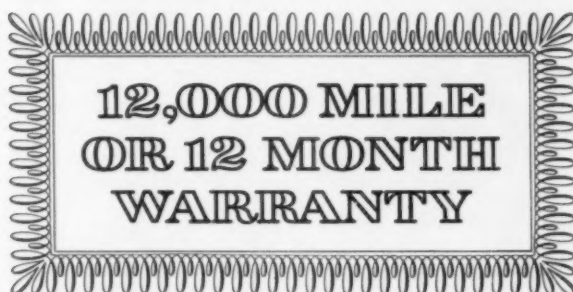
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America's lowest-priced* medium-duty tilt-cab models now offer a big 262-cubic-inch Six with the power of big displacement, the gas economy of 6-cylinder design, plus the durability of heavy-duty construction. This engine features a sturdy stress-relieved head and block, strong forged steel crankshaft, long-lasting stellite-faced intake and exhaust valves and durable pyramid-type connecting rods. Positive Crankcase Ventilation reduces oil dilution and sludge formation to extend engine life. Ford's proven 292 V-8 and 292 HD V-8—the V-8's with "six-like" economy—are also available for your special power needs.

The popular Ford Tilt Cab Series outsells all other makes and for good reason! Their compact 82-inch BBC permits longer bodies within a given over-all length . . . for longer loads of lumber and building materials with excellent maneuverability. And set-back front axle design means more weight is carried on the front axle for greater payloads.

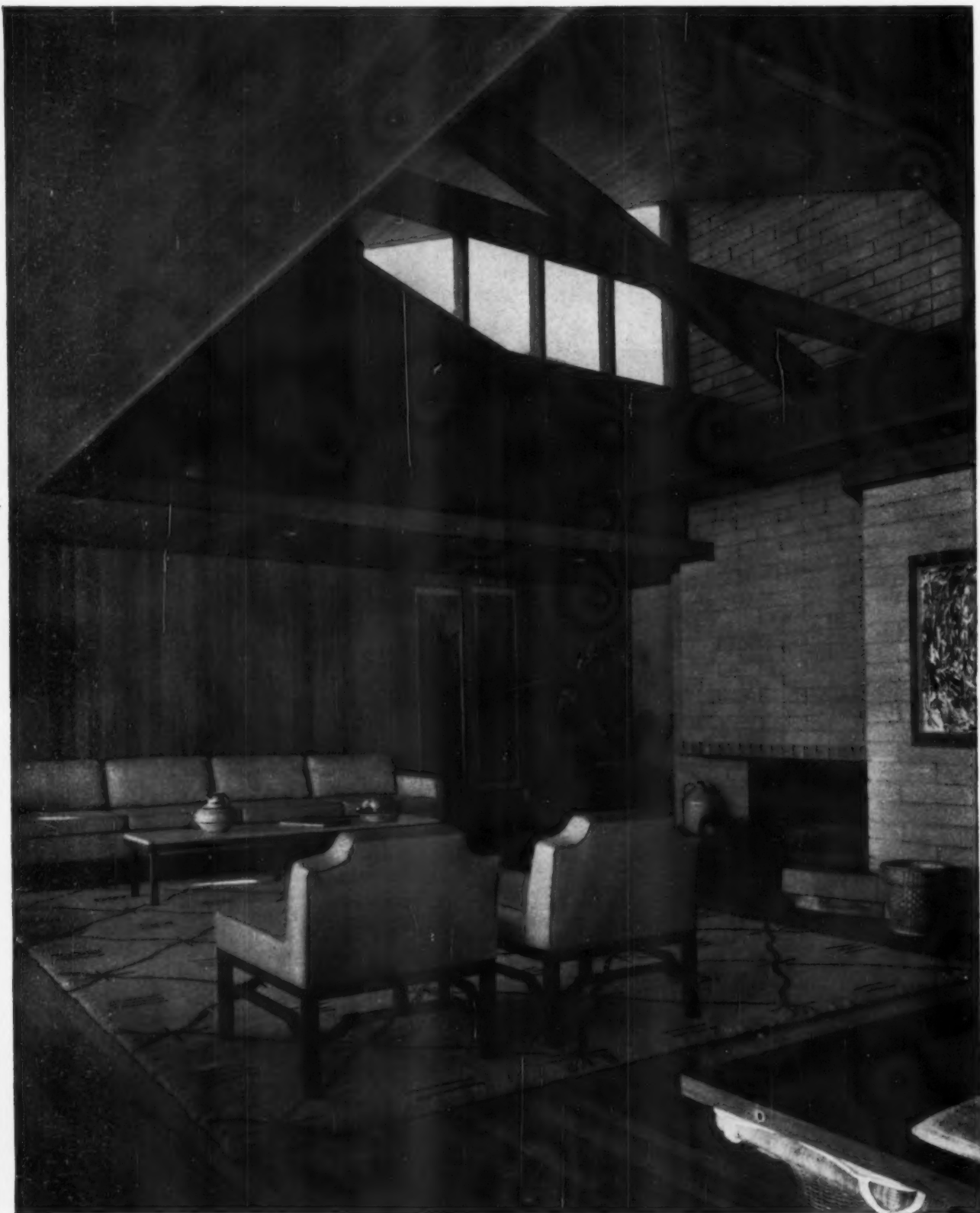
You also save with other new features like the stronger radiator with new lock-seam construction, and color-coded printed instrument panel electrical circuits that provide for greater reliability and simplified maintenance. In addition, Ford's parallel ladder-type frame, with standard 34-inch width, allows you to install new or transfer your present special construction bodies quicker and for less.

FORD TRUCKS COST LESS

YOUR FORD DEALER'S "CERTIFIED ECONOMY BOOK" PROVES IT FOR SURE...

FORD DIVISION, *Ford Motor Company*.





The drama of wood dominates this living room. Structural beams blend harmoniously with paneled walls and strip flooring, as well as bricks and glass. Unusual, paneled overhang makes room more cheerful.

In the living room, wood stands for pleasant living

WOOD sells the rooms that sell the house



Wood's indoor-outdoor beauty makes a strong selling point in modern living rooms. Here, modified plank and beam construction makes beams double as window frames. Wall paneling is hardwood plywood.

When you are planning living rooms, keep in mind that your prospects will examine them as the showpieces of their homes-to-be. Here is where they plan to relax, entertain, lead the good life . . . and this calls for wood. In living rooms, nothing in the world shows to better advantage at such reasonable cost. It can be a beamed ceiling . . . the grain in a parquet floor . . . a mantelpiece . . . the luster of a paneled wall . . . a window frame. Any or all of the uses of wood can influence your prospects to stop waiting and start buying the house you want to sell them.

Uses of wood in the living room are featured in a two-page, full-color NLMA spread in the February 17th issue of *LIFE*—seen by millions of people, including your prospects. They will be looking for wood's beauty in the living rooms you show them. For more information on better homes of wood, write:

NATIONAL LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Wood Information Center, 1319 18th St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

nlma

Built of **wood**

means built to sell



Slanting, laminated beams emphasize the warm coziness of wood. Vertical, random-width paneling adds continuity to the planks of the ceiling. Note the compatibility of glass room divider with wood.



*An award winning motel
with Gerber Plumbing Fixtures*

Beautiful Gerber Bathrooms were selected to enhance living quarters in the modern, luxurious Chicago Airways Hotel, near Midway Airport, Chicago, Ill. Architect: Milton M. Schwartz & Associates, Inc.; Plumbing Contractor: Nadolna Brothers Plumbing Co.

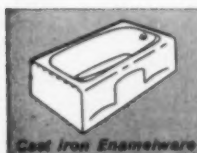
Gerber's Mighty Middle plumbing fixture line meets commercial building needs at sensible prices

The Chicago Chapter of the A.I.A. and the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry award for excellence in architecture went to this motel. Gerber fixtures were installed throughout — exemplifying their suitability for luxury motels, hotels, and similar structures as well as for moderately priced homes.

Gerber produces a complete line of basic fixtures for the Mighty Middle mass market only. There are no high-cost, small scale "side line" production and marketing operations—required for specialty items—to raise costs of this basic Gerber fixture line. Savings are put back in the form of greater value (1) in styling, beauty and quality and (2) in sensible prices that let you put in a better bathroom for less.

Gerber offers brass, steel, cast iron, and vitreous china fixtures . . . in white or six beautiful colors: petal pink, wedgewood blue, forest green, driftwood tan, daffodil yellow, and cloud gray. Complete, "packaged" Gerber bathrooms are available for every building price range, making planning easy and saving time and expense in ordering.

Write for our catalog showing Gerber's complete line of plumbing fixtures. You'll find Gerber's added features—some exclusive, some found only on more expensive lines—make this "Mighty Middle" line a best buy at so moderate a price. Catalog also shows special Gerber design features that make installation quick and easy.



Cast Iron Enamelware



Vitreous China



Brass



Steel Enamelware



Shower Stalls



"Plumbing Fixtures for The Mighty Middle"

Gerber Plumbing Fixtures Corp., 232 N. Clark St., Chicago 1, Illinois

5 Factories: Kokomo, Ind., Woodbridge, N. J., Delphi, Ind., Gadsden, Ala., West Delphi, Ind. • Export Div.: Gerber Int'l. Corp., 500 Green St., Woodbridge, N. J.



America's Best Quality Model Homes

American Builder proudly presents its portfolio of Award-Winning Houses selected by an expert jury from nearly 300 entries as the pace-setting houses for 1961

The question: what makes a good house? The answer: provided by judges of American Builder's Quality Model Homes Contest. They had strong convictions about what makes a winner. And equally strong ideas about what knocked a house out of the running.

Listed below are their likes and dislikes about houses being built

today. On the next 30 pages are over 30 houses — all winners — that did pass the judges tests. They were selected out of a total of nearly 300 entries from all parts of the country and represent what the judges feel are the best housing sales bets for 1961.

Judges for the contest were: Elmer A. Lundberg, president of

the Producer's Council, Director of Architectural Services, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; Martin L. Bartling, builder of Knoxville, Tenn. and last year's president of the NAHB; Neil Connor, Director of Architectural Standards Division, FHA; Martin H. Braun, architect-builder, Westchester, Illinois; and Joseph B. Mason, editor of American Builder.

Why Some Houses Won

- Clean, unbroken design
- Logical use of quality materials
- Economical, up-to-date construction methods
- Good circulation—no wasted room space
- Well-integrated family room—kitchen
- Wall space planned for easy furniture placement
- Compartmented bathroom
- Right house for the right lot
- Closet, storage space as sales booster
- Well-planned "extras," e.g. fireplace set-up

Why Some Houses Lost

- Gingerbread frills on the house
- "Banana split" use of too many materials
- Poor construction, "Price should not be a quality factor."
- Poor circulation in a cut-up, wasteful floor plan
- No provision for family room and/or dining area
- Inadequate room for furniture, e.g. bedrooms too small for good bed placement
- Too narrow service entry or none at all
- Not enough closet and storage space
- Efficiency cut in poorly planned kitchen

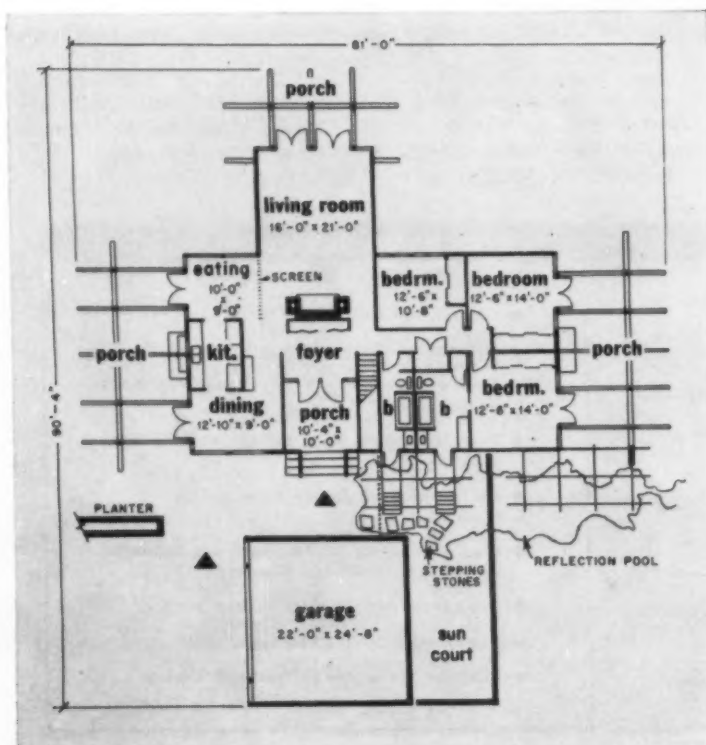


From the street the garage wing provides privacy for the recessed main entrance and a sun garden at the right;



1st. Grand Prize \$25,000 to \$40,000

"A gem—Far East simplicity



Builder:

Thomas J. Dillon Co.

Location:

Cayahoga Falls, Ohio

Price:

\$36,000

Area:

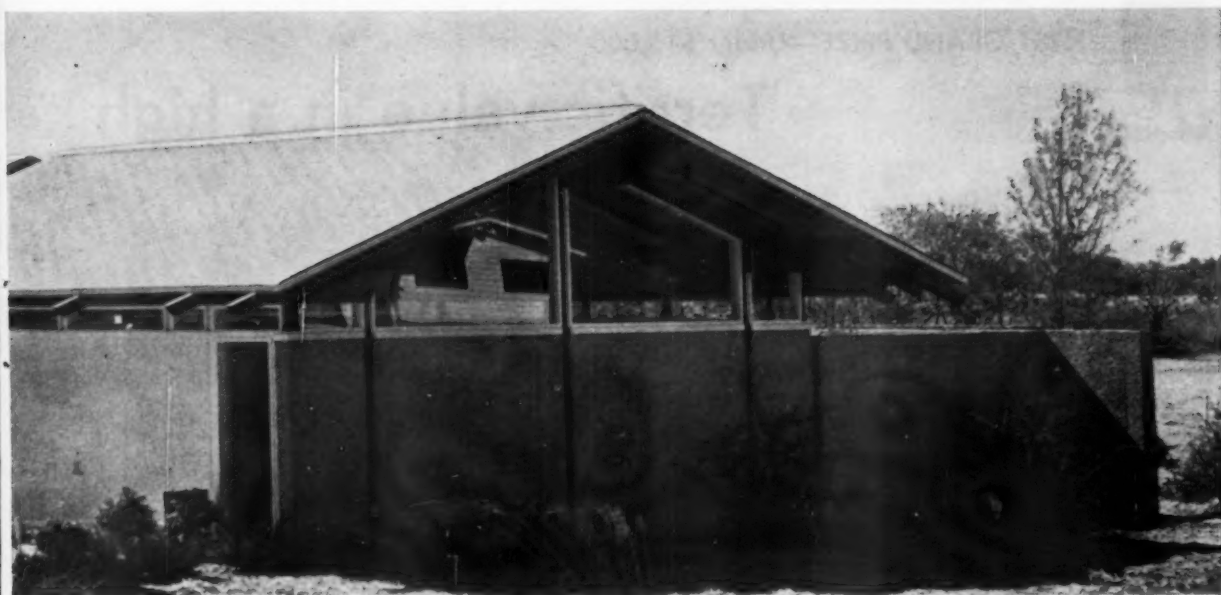
Total 2,955 sq. ft.

Architect:

Gerald M. Rembowski

**Builders Choice:
Quality products**

- Intercom, stereo system—Nu-Tone, Inc.
- Air conditioning—Bryant Mfg. Co.
- Gas furnace—Carrier Corp.
- Floor—General Tire & Rubber Corp.
- Refrigerator-freezer—Revco, Inc.
- Built-ins (range, oven)—Tappan Co.
- Kitchen cabinets—Quaker Maid Corp.
- Insulation—Zonolite Co.
- Bath fixtures—American Standard
- Lighting fixtures—Lightolier Co.



low planter shields the kitchen windows and side deck. Walls are of grooved plywood, stucco and glass.

with a modern, efficient plan"

Seldom has the jury seen a house that offers so much. Quiet in design, Oriental in appearance, it combines these restful qualities with an open plan that is in keeping with the best in modern home living. Thanks to post-and-beam construction and high cathedral ceilings, every room is bright and airy.

Exposures through large glass

windowwalls provide continuous views of the surrounding countryside yet the plan allows for privacy where privacy is needed in bedrooms and baths. Furthermore, three open porches extend its living out of doors, on sides and back.

The main entrance is protected by a deep porch leading into a central foyer. This creates direct access

to the kitchen, bedroom wing and the sunken living room. Two dining rooms, both adjacent to the kitchen, take care of formal gatherings or family get-togethers.

One-third of the unfinished basement is a utility area with gas heating and air-conditioning units. The other two-thirds can be transformed later into a large family room.



Stone fireplace in sunken living room is flanked by steps leading to foyer, bedroom wing and kitchen-dining areas.



Galley-type kitchen gains light from large glass walls in both dining areas and has direct access to cantilevered side porch.



FIRST GRAND PRIZE—Under \$15,000

"Terrific value in a high

"Offers the buyer everything—good design, quality products and modern construction—in a house planned for active family life."

Builder:

American Housing Guild

Location:

San Diego, California

Price:

\$14,900

Area:

Floor Plan—1,500 sq. ft.

Architect:

Mario Dell'Acqua & Assocs.

Our judges gave an extra cheer for this prize winner because it proved, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that high building costs can be licked. Its location, San Diego, California, is an expensive area; financing there is about the highest in the country. In addition, codes are restrictive and the terrain rugged and hilly, upping grading and engineering costs.

The low price tag is the result of a concerted effort on the builder's

part to combat these odds. On-site pre-fabricating was adopted; an assembly center set up to take care of the two-thousand units in the project. Lumber was delivered pre-cut and all trusses and walls assembled under roof. In the meantime, all utilities were installed before one stick of lumber arrived at each plot.

These time- and labor-savers produced our blue ribbon winner. Its plan (see opposite page) is compact and efficient, yet one gains an added feeling of openness. The reason: living can extend beyond its walls to include two patios, one at the entrance, the other across the rear. Seldom have we seen a small house that contains so much—a living room, family-dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths and a garage.

The kitchen is centrally located, yet it's unnecessary to pass through it to get outside or to any other room

in the house. One small criticism—the judges felt that a coat closet nearer the main entrance door would be wanted by most homeowners.

Builder's Choice: Quality Products

- **Built-in Range & Oven**—Frigidaire Div., GM.
- **Garbage Disposer**—Whirlaway
- **Heating System**—Glenaire
- **Exhaust Fan**—Roberts Mfg. Co.
- **Fan & Radiant Heat Light**—Emerson-Pryne Co.
- **Water Heater**—Rheem Mfg. Co.
- **Plumbing Fixtures**—Eljer Div., Murray Corp.
- **Windows**—Louvre Leader
- **Switches**—Aero Mfg. Co.
- **Vinyl Tile**—Matico, Mastic Tile Div., Ruberoid Co.



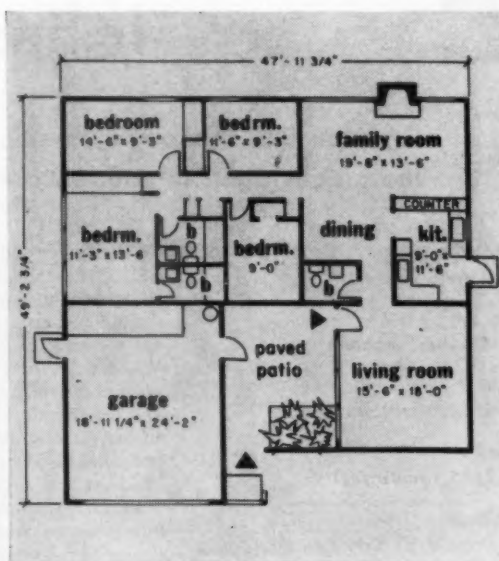
cost building area"

Ed Sievers



SNACK BAR acts as a pass-through between the family room and kitchen, is near dining area (right), for convenient serving of meals. Beyond is the more formal living

room. Warmth has been added to the side walls by covering them with pre-finished Masonite in grooved walnut grain. Walls reach up to cathedral ceiling in main rooms.



ON STREET SIDE, redwood bats add vertical interest and texture to painted, tempered Masonite panels. Trellis, at entrance, screens patio leading to main house and garage which is large enough to also serve as a workshop.

BLUEPRINT HOUSE



THE SEVILLE is an Alfred Andersen Jr. "Signature Home" built at his Osborn East Estates, Phoenix, Ariz. The One-story



1ST GRAND PRIZE: \$15,000 to \$25,000

"It has a floor plan nearly

"A plan like this ought to sell," and sales of "Seville" proved the judges right: all models are sold; more are planned in '61.

Builder:
Alfred Andersen, Jr.

Location:
Phoenix, Arizona

Price:
\$22,200 without land

Area:
2,085 square feet

Architect:
Donald T. Van Ess, AIA

The judges liked the floor plan of the "Seville." They called it a "Plan with Family in mind."

Four generously sized bedrooms are a sales plus in any house today. When three bedrooms are grouped around a family room for children and the fourth is noise isolated (for adults) in another wing, the sales potential is greater. The judges also liked the way circulation is handled.

Builder Andersen finds that his buyers agree with the judges. Six copies of the Seville have been sold so far because the "plan is a nearly perfect one." Andersen builds 40 to 50 houses a year and plans to make over half of his 1961 schedule copies or variations of the popular Seville.

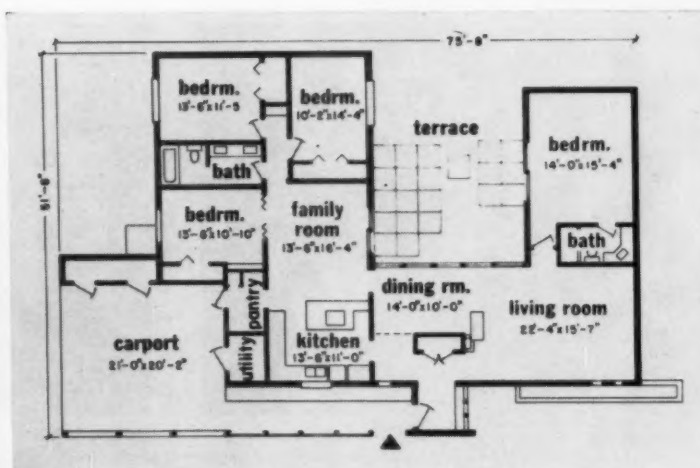
Builder's choice: Quality products

- Heating a/c—Carrier Corp.
- Insulation—Owens-Corning Fiberglass
- Countertops—Formica Corp.
- Floor—Armstrong Cork Co.
- Tile—Gladling McBean & Co.
- Intercom, AM-FM radio—Nu-Tone, Inc.
- Hardware—Schlage Lock Co.
- Roofing—Johns-Manville Corp.
- Bath accessories—Hall-Mack Co.
- Plumbing—American-Standard



ranch-contemporary was cited by American Builder judges for its excellent floor plan. (Photos: Beinlich, Phoenix.)

every family would like"



FAMILIES LIKED the bedroom arrangement builder Andersen reports. Buyers of the "Seville" particularly wanted the three bedrooms and compartmented bath off the family room for children and separate adult's sleeping wing off the living area. Notice service entrance from carport, also doors between family and bed rooms.

BLUEPRINT HOUSE



GLASS WINDOW WALL runs along full length of one of three patio walls, opens living room and dining area to privacy of a sun-controlled view. Notice how open planning really works well in this house.

AMERICAN BUILDER BLUEPRINT NO. 282 ▶

"All main rooms form a patio core"

Two bedrooms, family room, dining area and living room form the U-shaped plan that creates the patio. These rooms share its privacy with maximum use of windows and

sliding glass doors. The patio becomes a natural outdoor entertaining area because of easy access to surrounding rooms.

Windows on all other exterior

walls are few, step up air conditioning efficiency. The hot Arizona sunlight is kept out where not wanted, yet penetrates shadowed patio. Result: privacy with a controlled view.

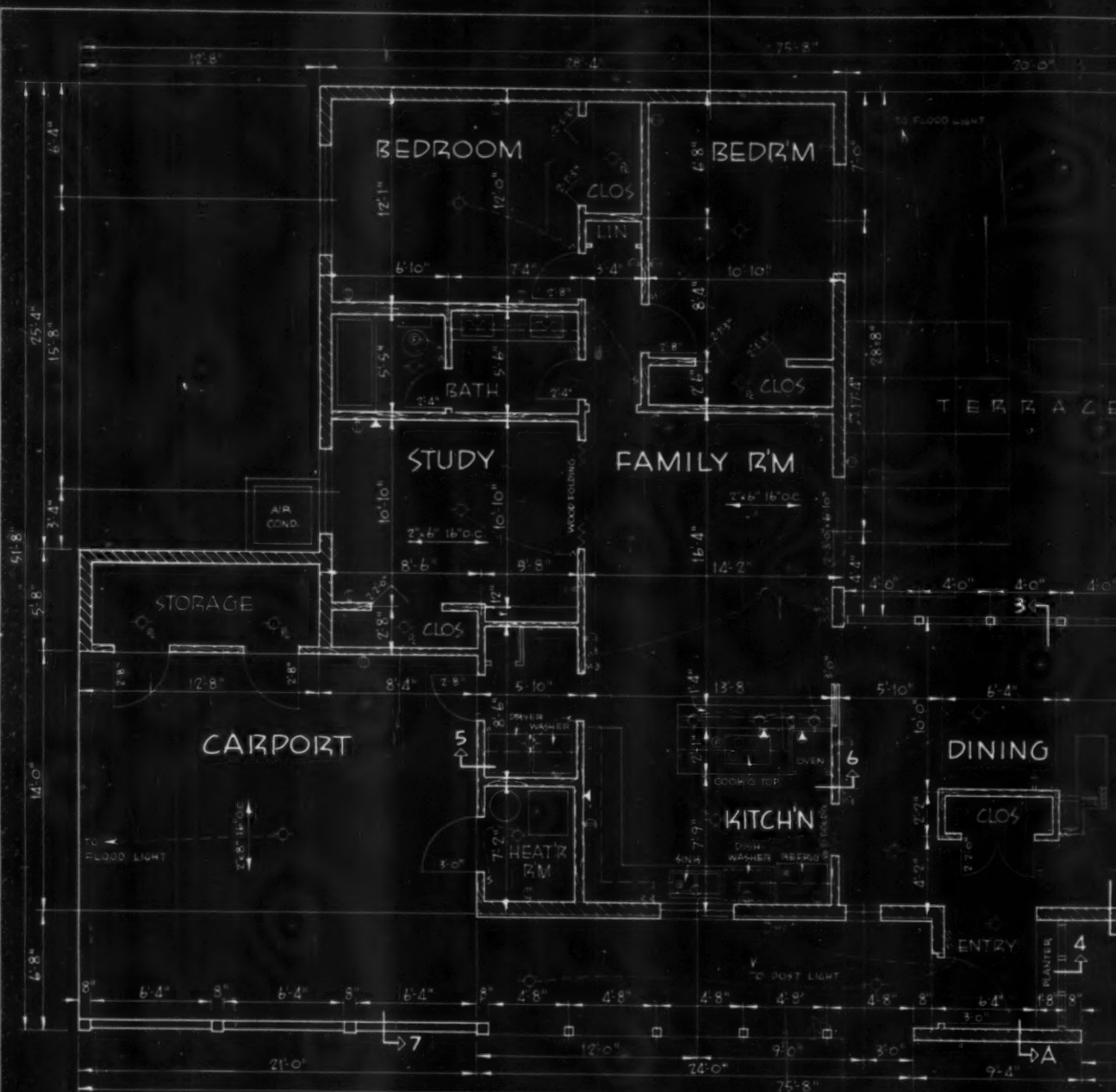


FAMILY ROOM opens on the patio, forms an activity core surrounded by two bedrooms, bath, a third bedroom or den; is closely integrated with fully equipped kitchen. U-shaped kitchen and open counter makes two rooms work well.



LIVING ROOM is ample in size, opens directly upon the dining area. Note the few windows on exterior walls. Glazed patio wall (above left) supplies light, view. Another feature: There's a lot of wall space for furniture arrangement.

See page 157 for estimating take-off list



MAIN FLOOR PLAN

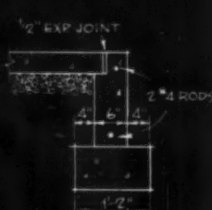
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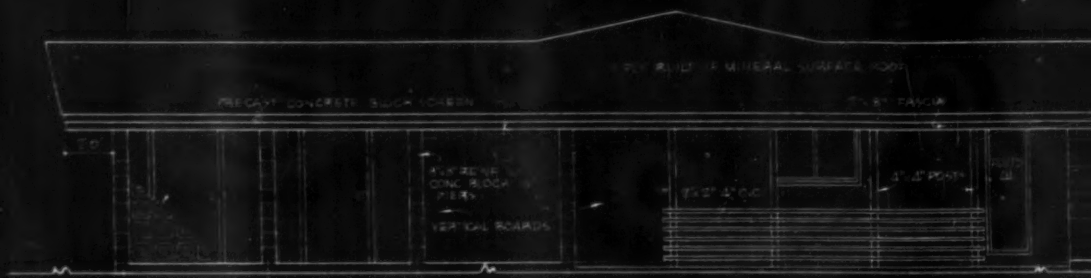


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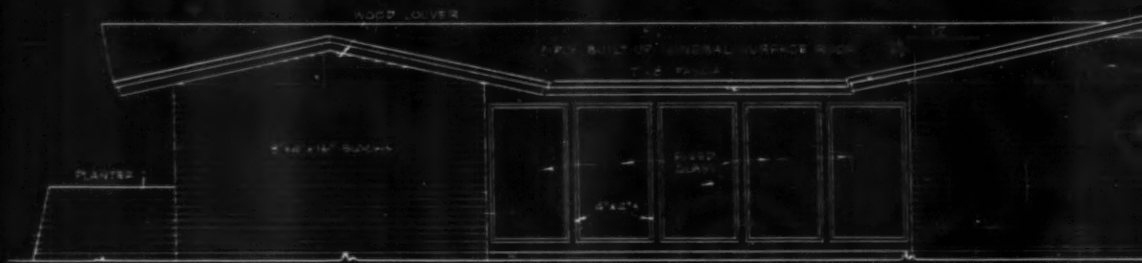


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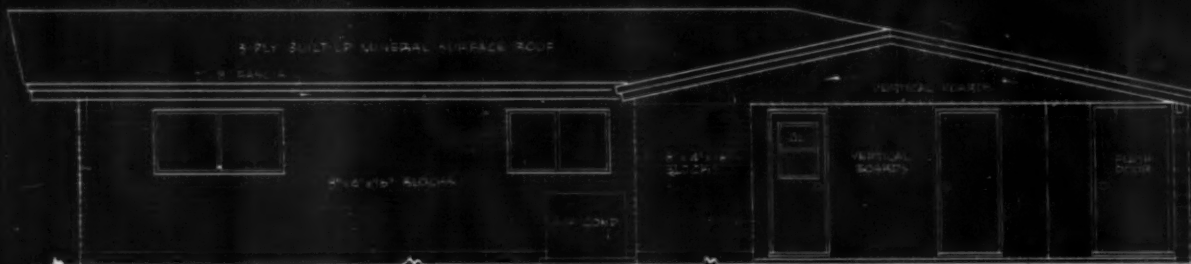
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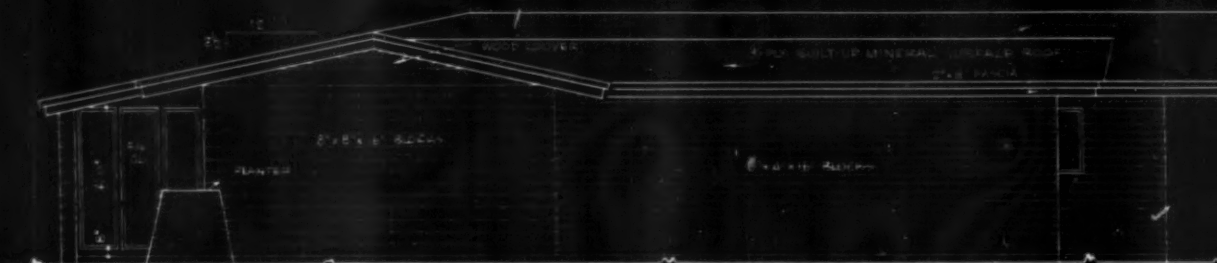
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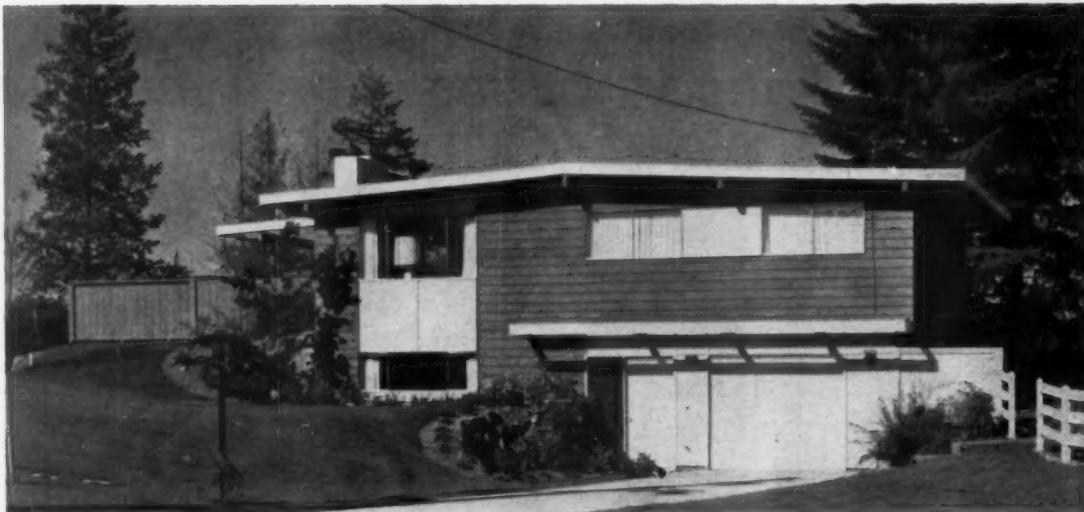


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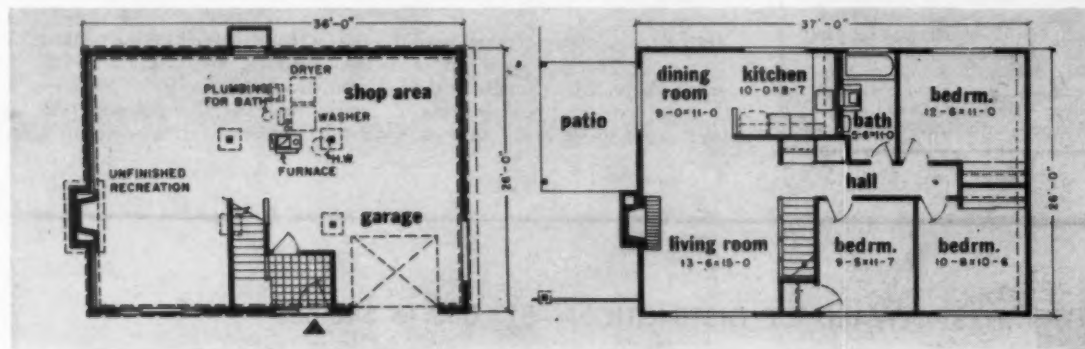
RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"





TWO-STORY EXPANSION PLAN offers full-size living on upper floor; garage, heater room, laundry, as well as an unfinished family room below. The wide overhang and strong

horizontal lines of red cedar siding settle house naturally into its sloping plot; give it a one-story look on street side. White accents add a clean, crisp appearance to all walls.



FIRST AWARD OF DISTINCTION—under \$15,000

"Puts its lot to work"

BUILDER:

Bell & Valdez

LOCATION: *

Bellevue, Washington

PRICE:

\$12,950

AREA:

1,007 Sq. Ft. each floor

ARCHITECT:

John M. Anderson

By putting a hilly lot to work and evolving a plan that cuts circulation to the bone, the builders Bell & Valdez have come up with a two-story house whose feeling of spaciousness far exceeds its square foot measure. Foundation walls serve to enclose a complete lower living area with a garage, heater room, laundry and future family room. Above, all rooms open onto a centrally-located sixteen foot hallway.

An extra sense of space is introduced by the twenty-six foot long living-dining room (see plan above). It continues into the L-shaped kitchen and out, through sliding glass doors, onto a side patio. Fireplaces, on each floor, are luxury items with tremendous buyer appeal, not often found in this price bracket.

Builder's choice: Quality products

- Hood fan—Nu-Tone, Inc.
- Floors—Armstrong Cork Co.
- Electrical appliances—General Electric
- Lighting fixtures—Lightolier, Inc.
- Circuit breakers—General Electric
- Copper piping—Chase Brass & Copper, Inc.
- Plumbing and heating—American-Standard
- Kitchen countertops—Textolite, General Electric
- Vanity tops—Formica Corp.
- Roofing materials—Pabco Roofing Div., Fibreboard Paper Products Corp.



FIRST AWARD OF DISTINCTION—\$15,000 to \$25,000

These houses won two first

Builder:
Valleybrook Builders, Inc.

Location:
Sylvania, Ohio

Price:
\$24,950

Area:
Total 3,222 sq. ft.

Designer:
Donald J. Scholz

**Builder's choice:
Quality Products**

Outside walls—J-M Flexboard,
Inside walls—U.S. Gypsum,
Sheathing — Johns-Manville
Corp., Shingles — Johns-Manville
Corp., Locks—Sargent &
Co., Oven & Range—Tappan
Co., Sliding doors—Arcadia
Metal Prods., Windows—Gen-
eral Bronze Corp., Garage
door—Overhead Door Corp.,
Carpet—Katherine.



Entrance doors lead into a foyer separating active from sleeping portion of house.

Except for masonry accents, both houses were prefabricated in a factory and erected, in panels, at the site. Both have the type of "eye-appeal" that spells home to most

buyers. Core of the "Living" model, shown above, is a centrally-located family room-kitchen just a few steps away from the living-dining area, three bedrooms and entrance foyer.



FIRST AWARD OF DISTINCTION—\$25,000 to \$40,000

The reason: "tops in design,

Builder:
Valleybrook Builders, Inc.

Location:
Sylvania, Ohio

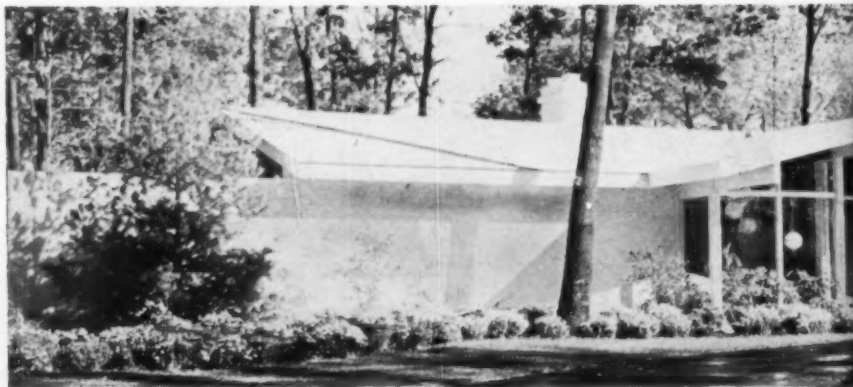
Price:
\$39,995

Area:
Total 4,664 sq. ft.

Designer:
Donald J. Scholz

**Builders choice:
Quality products**

Outside walls—J-M Flexboard,
Inside walls—U.S. Gypsum,
Sheathing — Johns-Manville
Corp., Shingles — Johns-Manville
Corp., Locks—Sargent &
Co., Oven & Range—Tappan
Co., Sliding doors—Arcadia
Metal Prods., Windows—Gen-
eral Bronze Corp., Garage door
—Overhead Door Corp., Car-
pet—Katherine.



Large roof-to-floor windows, next to main entrance, are in the foyer, made bright

Larger than its companion, the "House & Garden" model offers an extra bedroom that can substitute as a library or dining room. The plan includes a back laundry-entry,

third bath and large master dressing-room. A definite "luxury" item is the private sun patio which is part of the master bedroom suite.

Both houses have the same home-

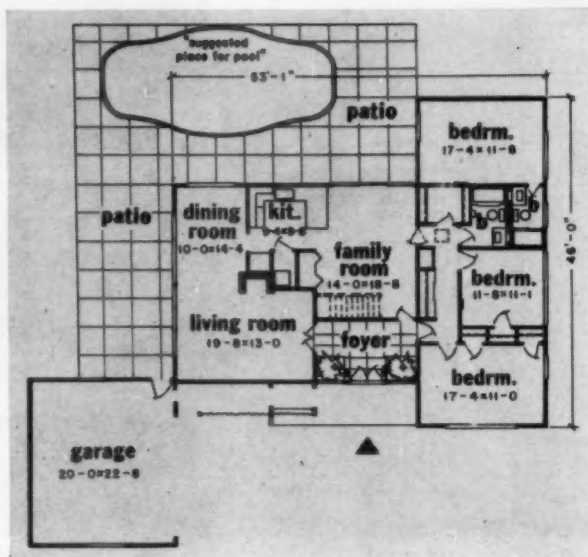
awards for one builder



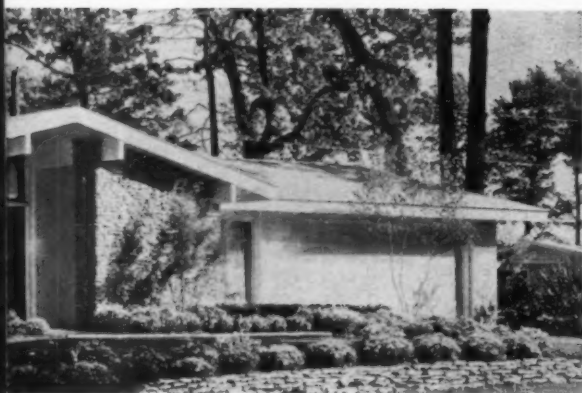
Covered passage leads from front door to garage.

All main rooms open out, through large glass doors, onto a patio.

Combined with two baths and a two-car garage, they add up to a tremendous "buy" for the price tag.

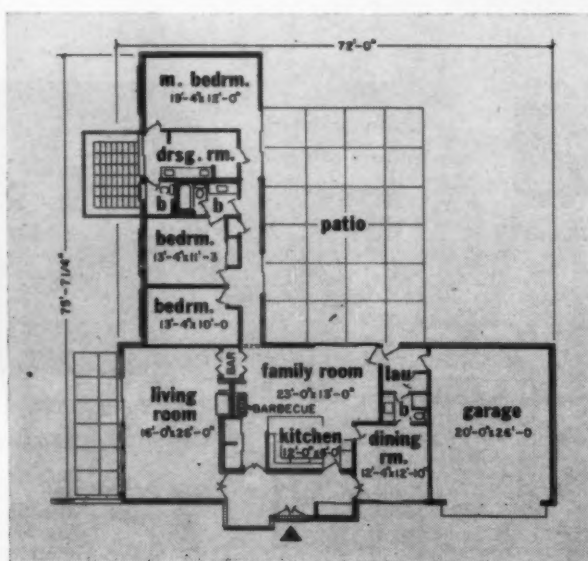


sound planning, good living"



and inviting by a large flowering planter.

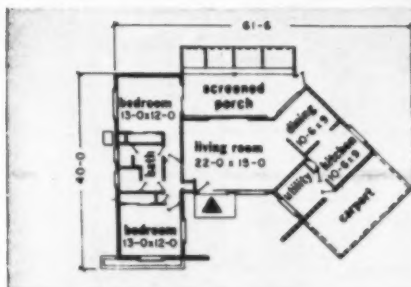
like qualities, low wide-overhanging eaves, inviting colorful entrances and a judicious use of masonry for texture accents. Both are keyed to active, modern family life.



AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS



"Its exterior look and basic floor plan fit right into Florida's landscape"



Robert Ford, Sarasota

BUILDER: Richmond Const. Corp.

LOCATION: Sarasota, Fla.

PRICE: \$10,995

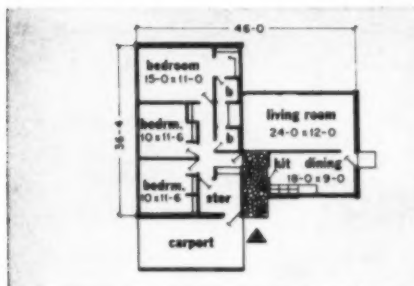
AREA: 1,236 sq. ft.

DESIGNER: Ruth Richmond

Builder's Choice:
Westinghouse appliances; Formica cabinets; Amana heat pump; Schlage hardware; Thomas Industries (Moc Lights) lighting; Visking Co., Visqueen vapor barrier, Rheem water heater; NuTone hood and fan; Kohler bathroom fixtures.



"Interior zoning is excellent with sections set up for activity and quiet"



Columbus Ledger Enquirer

BUILDER: Windsor Corporation

LOCATION: Columbus, Ga.

PRICE: \$14,500

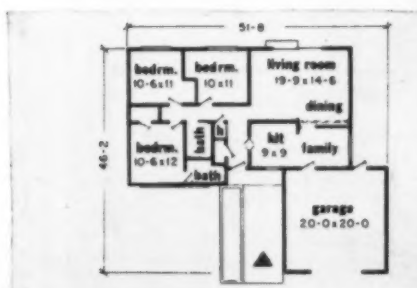
AREA: 1,346

ARCHITECT: William L. Christian

Builder's Choice:
Richmond fixtures; American Steel Door, doors; U. S. Gypsum, sheetrock; Bird roofing; Lennox heat; Mission h.w. heater; Philip-Carey, med. cabinets; Andersen windows; Bickerstaff brick; Armstrong floors; Virden lights; Sargent locks.



"Simplicity of exterior appearance and good floor plan make it a winner"



Douglas Simmonds, Los Angeles

BUILDER: Lake Country Const. Co.

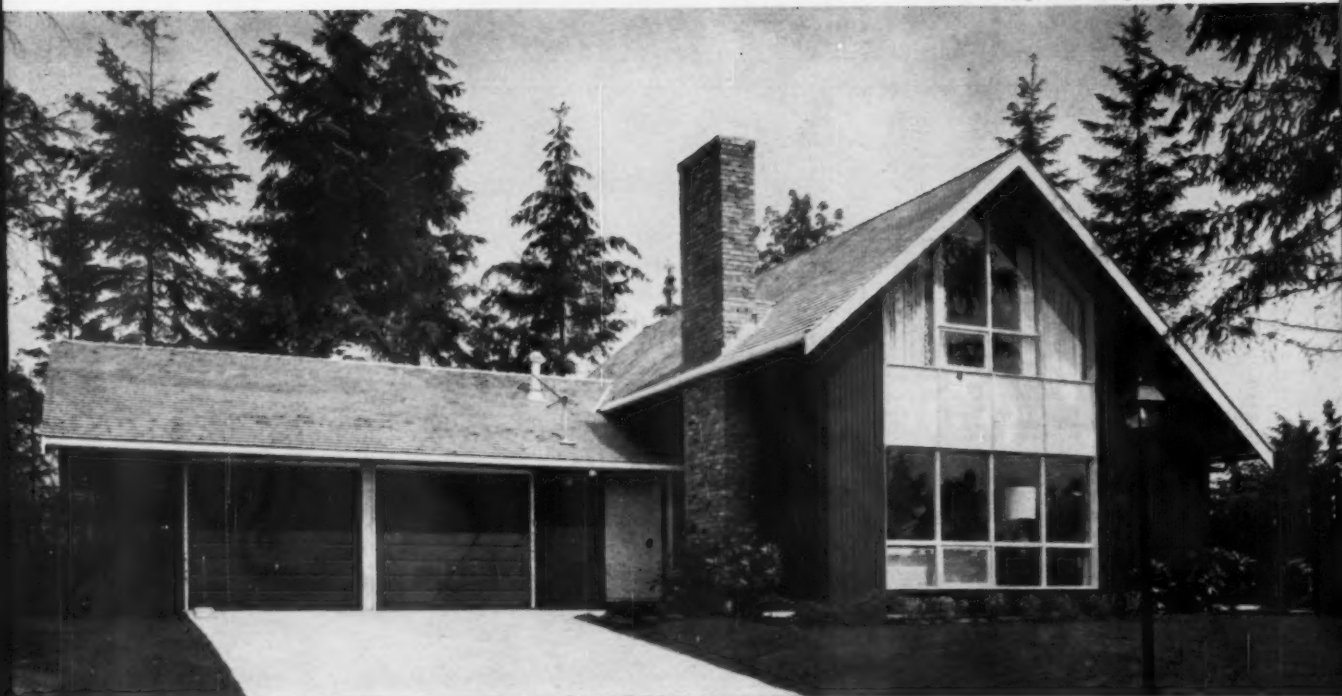
LOCATION: Los Angeles, Calif.

PRICE: \$13,000

AREA: 1,200 sq. ft.

ARCHITECT: Richard Leitch, A.J.A.

Builder's Choice:
Waste King range, oven; disposer; Modernaire Corp. kitchen hood; Pioneer water heater; Pioneer furnace; Johns-Manville roofing, insulation; American-Standard fixtures; Central Cabinet cabinets; Gladding McBean (Supramic) tile.



"Compact floor plan, yet plenty of expansion space in this fine home"

BUILDER: Bell & Valdez

LOCATION: Bellevue, Wash.

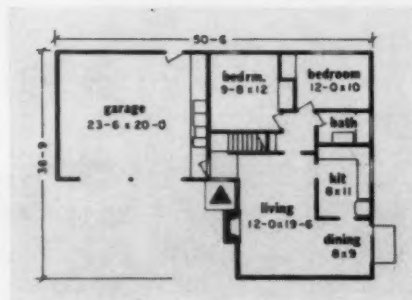
PRICE: \$15,300

AREA: 890 sq. ft. plus

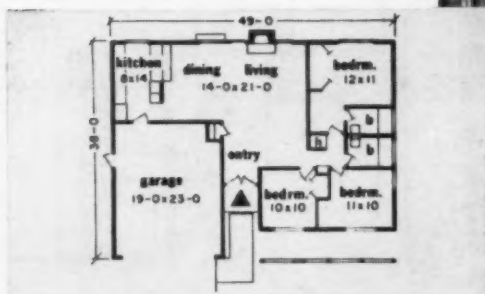
576 sq. ft. expandable space

ARCHITECT: John Anderson

Builder's Choice:
NuTone fans; G. E. appliances, circuit breakers, Textolite; Lee carpets; Armstrong floors; American-Standard fixtures, heating; Pabco linoleum; Slater switches; Lightolier lights; Formica countertop; Chase copper piping.



"Smart planning, for detailing load this inexpensive home with value"



BUILDER: Edgewater Builders, Inc.

LOCATION: San Diego, Calif.

PRICE: \$13,800

AREA: 1,268 sq. ft.

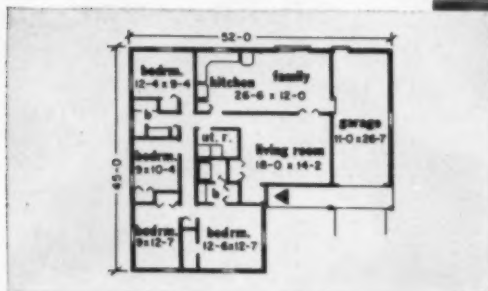
ARCHITECT: Sam Reisbord, A.I.A.

Builder's Choice:
Waste King appliances; Crane fixtures; Moen faucets, Sherwin-Williams paints, Flintkote floors, L.O.F. mirrors; Bourne windows; Sierra switches; Schlage locks; Amerock hardware; Modernaire fans; Air King heaters; Celotex insulation; Nevamar counters.

AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS



"Proves builder can offer lots of living space at a reasonable price"



BUILDER: Huber Homes, Inc.

LOCATION: Dayton, Ohio

PRICE: \$13,495

AREA: 1,600 sq. ft.

Builder's Choice: Johns-Manville insulation; Eljer fixtures; National Gypsum dry-wall; Philip-Carey insulation; roofing; Formica counters; Storm King windows; Western Lock hardware; Marsh Furniture cabinets; Miraplas tile; Lennox furnace; Moe fixtures; Lowe paints, Philip-Carey, fans.

Messina Studios, Dallas



"Simplicity of exterior design enlarges look of this house"

BUILDER: Centennial Const. Co.

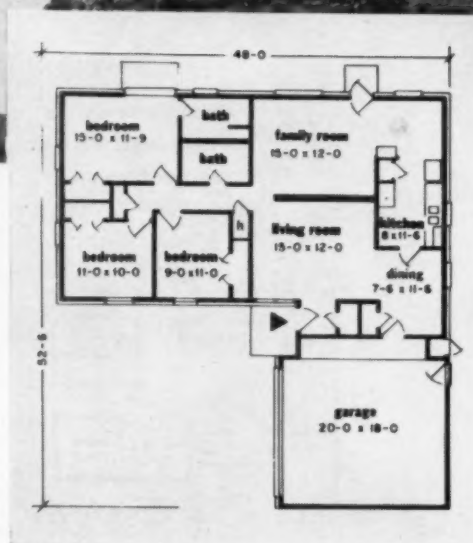
LOCATION: Dallas, Texas

PRICE: \$12,450

AREA: 1,408 sq. ft.

DESIGNER: George Hicks

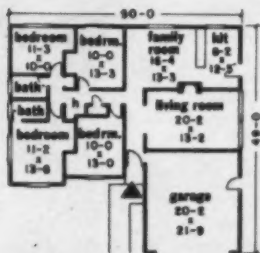
Builder's Choice: Rolscreen, doors; Reflectal insulation; Ruberoid roofing; DuPont vapor barrier; Air Control Prod. windows; Lennox heat, a/c; Day & Night hot-water heater; Waste King appliances; American-Standard fixtures; Armstrong floors; Chase copper pipe.



AMERICAN BUILDER



"It's a good house—
sold well too—in
6 months, 46 out of
58 built were sold"



BUILDER: Dike & Colegrove

LOCATION: Costa Mesa, Calif.

PRICE: \$14,800

AREA: 1,560

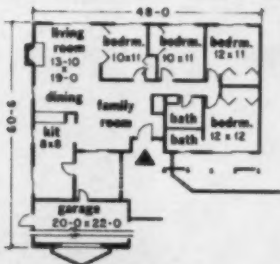
ARCHITECT: Harold Carlson, A.I.A.

Builder's Choice:

G. E. appliances, heating; Huntington tile; Visqueen v/b; Formica tops; Lupton windows; O.C.F. insulation, screening; Pioneer h.w. heater; Moore trusses; Pass & Seymour switches; Moen, regulator; Capri sliding doors.



"For the low
sales price—4 bed-
rooms, two baths
and a fully equipped
kitchen"



BUILDER: Edgewater Builders, Inc.

LOCATION: San Diego, Calif.

PRICE: \$16,250

AREA: 1,422 sq. ft.

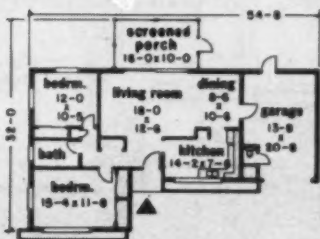
ARCHITECT: Sam Reisbord, A.I.A.

Builder's Choice:

Waste King appliances; Crane fixtures; Moen faucets; Sherwin-Williams paint; Flintkote floors; L.O.F. mirrors; Bourne windows; Sierra switches; Schlage locks; Amerock hardware; Modernaire fans; Air King, heaters; Celotex insulation; Nevamar tops; Lennox, a/c.



"For a small, inex-
pensive house, one
of the best floor
plans we've seen"



BUILDER: Milgrom Const. Co.

LOCATION: Clearwater, Fla.

PRICE: \$10,750

AREA: 1,071 sq. ft.

ARCHITECT: C. Goldsmith, A.I.A.

Builder's Choice:

Weiser locks; American Standard plumbing; Moe Light fixtures; Superior windows; Nu-Tone range hood; G. E. range, oven; Lumidor sliding doors; Everwarm thermostats; Formica countertops; Bryant wall switches.

AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS



"Recommended—large outdoor storage, front door patio, decorative use of block walls."

BUILDER: Desert Star Homes, Inc.

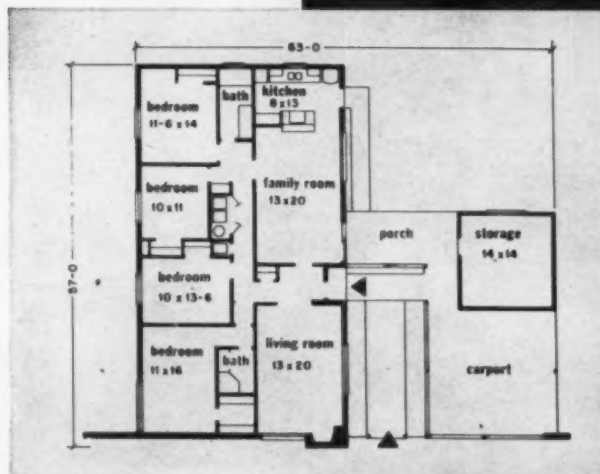
LOCATION: Scottsdale, Arizona

PRICE: \$17,950

AREA: House—1,834 sq. ft.

ARCHITECT: William R. Knox

Builder's Choice:
 Plumbing Fixtures—American-Standard; appliances—Hotpoint Div.; wallboard—Sheetrock, U.S. Gypsum Co.; doors, cabinets—U.S. Plywood Corp.; aluminum patio doors—Arcadia Metal Products; cabinet hardware—National Lock Co.; insulation—Fiberglas, Owens-Corning; vinyl floors—Armstrong Cork Co.; aluminum sash—Bourne Products; heating and air-conditioning—Carrier Corp.; bathroom accessories—Hall-Mack Co.; doors—U.S. Mengel; lighting fixtures—Emerson-Pryne; door knobs—Schlage Lock Co.; hot water heater—Hotpoint Div.; countertops—Formica Corp.



Beimlich, Phoenix



"Its central utility core saves money, allows large glass walls in all principal rooms."

BUILDER: Young Construction Co.

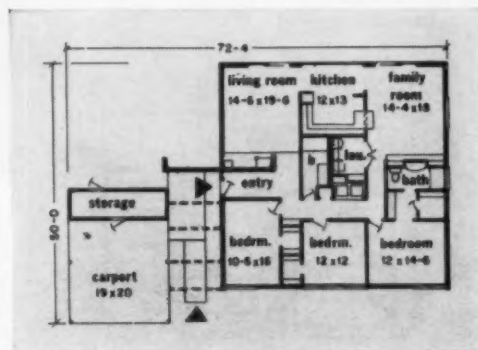
LOCATION: Phoenix, Arizona

PRICE: \$22,000

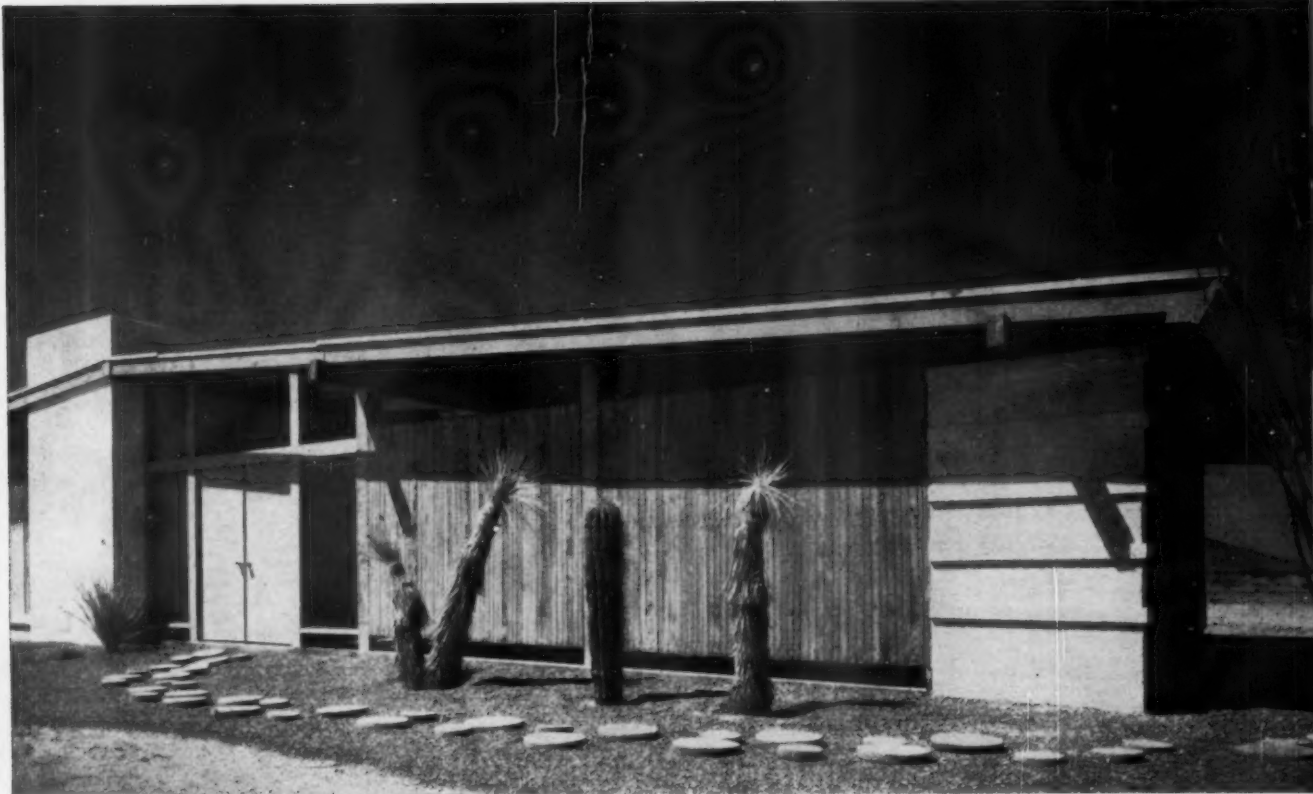
AREA: House—2,000 sq. ft.

ARCHITECT: William R. Knox

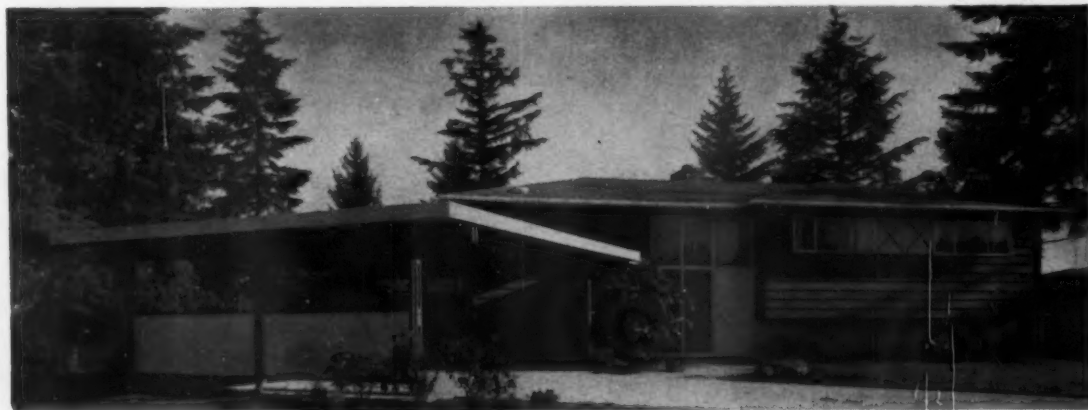
Builder's Choice:
 Plumbing fixtures—American-Standard; appliances—Hotpoint; wallboard—U.S. Gypsum Co.; doors & cabinets—U.S. Plywood Corp.; aluminum patio doors—Arcadia Metal Products; countertops—Formica; cabinet hardware—National Lock Co.



AMERICAN BUILDER



Roger Dudley, Seattle



"A compact split-level that gives the buyer plenty of room for future expansion."

BUILDER: Bell & Valdez

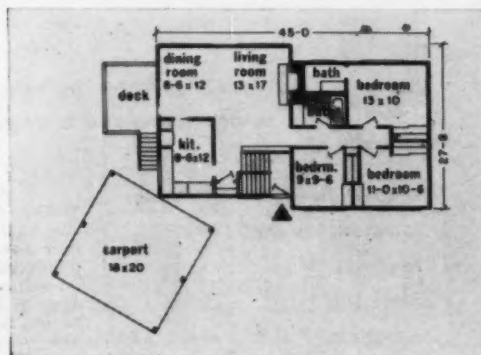
LOCATION: Bellevue, Washington

PRICE: \$17,600

AREA: House—1,130 sq. ft.

ARCHITECT: John Anderson

Builder's Choice:
Hood fan—Nu-Tone, Inc.; appliances—General Electric; floorings—Armstrong Cork Co.; carpets—Lee Carpet Co.; plumbing & heating—American Standard; switches—Slater Co.; fiberboard paper—Pabco Roofing; circuit breakers—General Electric.





"An exciting concept of forward-looking planning and design—excellent plan"

BUILDER: Ray G. Staff

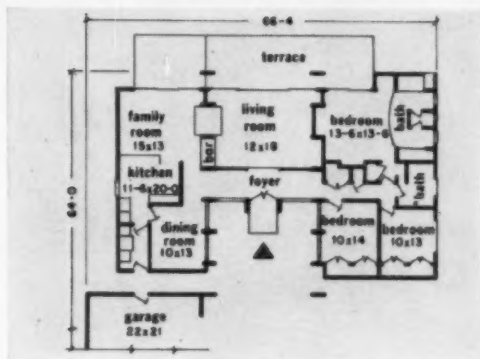
LOCATION: San Bernardino, Calif.

PRICE: \$34,000

AREA: 2,015 sq. ft.

ARCHITECT: Jack Lanphere

Builder's Choice:
Carrier heat pump; Touch Plate low-voltage systems; RCA built-in color T.V.; RCA kitchen built-ins; Central built-in vacuum; Stanthony; Island Hood Twin Blowers, Char-Broiler; Marco Flush lights; Universal-Rundle bathroom fixtures.



Charles AquaVivo



"Exceptional for its concept of indoor-outdoor living and arrangement of space"

BUILDER: University City Builders

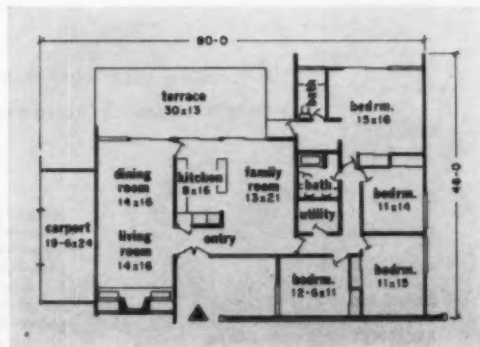
LOCATION: San Diego, Calif.

PRICE: \$23,995

AREA: 2,078 sq. ft.

ARCHITECTS: Palmer & Krisel, A.I.A.

Builder's Choice:
Weiser locks; Armstrong floor tile; G. E. range and oven; Pioneer hot-water heater; Woodall (Glide-All) closet doors; Masonite siding; Selectile Co. (Glad-ding McBean) Superamic Tile; Kaiser Gypsum, acoustical tile and gypsum.



AMERICAN BUILDER



"In a compact plan, well organized living space at a reasonable sales price"

BUILDER: David E. Edmunds

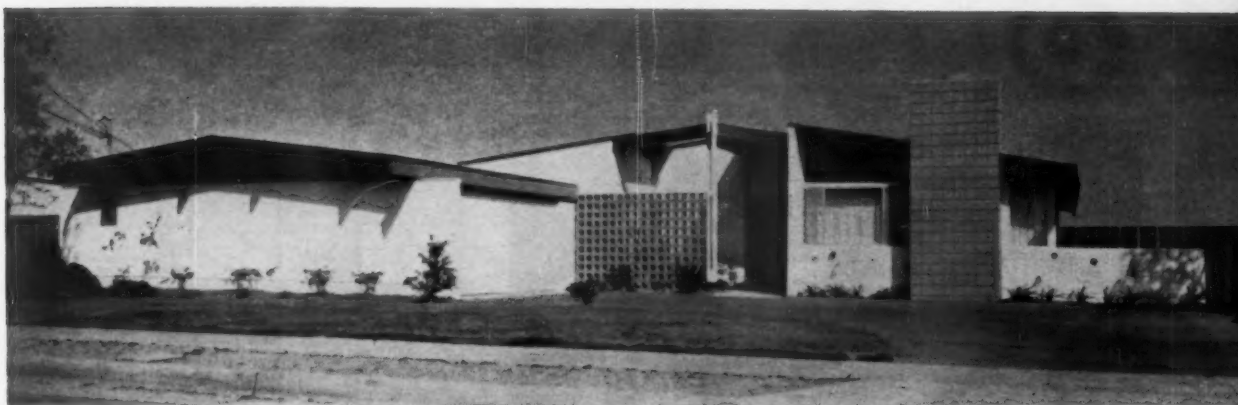
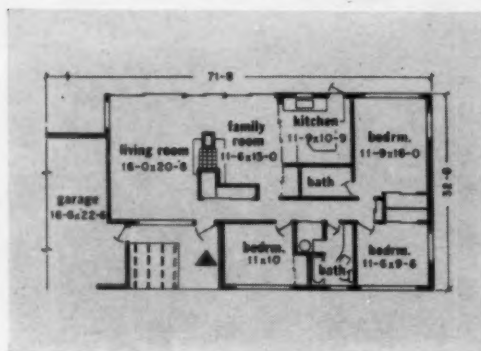
LOCATION: Clearwater, Fla.

PRICE: \$21,675

AREA: 1,538 sq. ft.

ARCHITECTS: Mithun & Nesland

Builder's Choice:
Frigidaire appliances; Johns-Manville roofing; Formica countertops; American-Standard fixtures; Yale hardware; Moe lighting; Glide-All (Woodall) doors; Simpson Life-Clad paneling; Pomona ceramic tile; Chase copper piping.



"Excellent area division—four bedrooms, good circulation, imaginative design"

BUILDER: Drogin Construction Co.

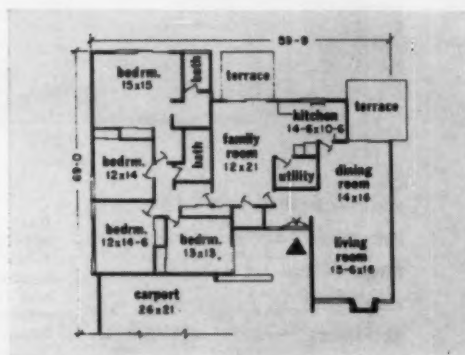
LOCATION: San Diego, Calif.

PRICE: \$19,500

AREA: 2,200 sq. ft.

ARCHITECTS: Palmer & Krisel

Builder's Choice:
Tappan oven and range; Waste King dishwasher, garbage disposer; Gladding McBean tile; American-Standard faucets; Simpson Logging Co. acoustical tile; Flintkote vinyl-asbestos tile; Rheem water heater; Fullview sliding doors.



AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS



Robert C. Lautman, Washington, D. C.



"Combines tremendous eye-appeal with two floors of compact living on a steep plot"

BUILDER: Bennett Const. Co.

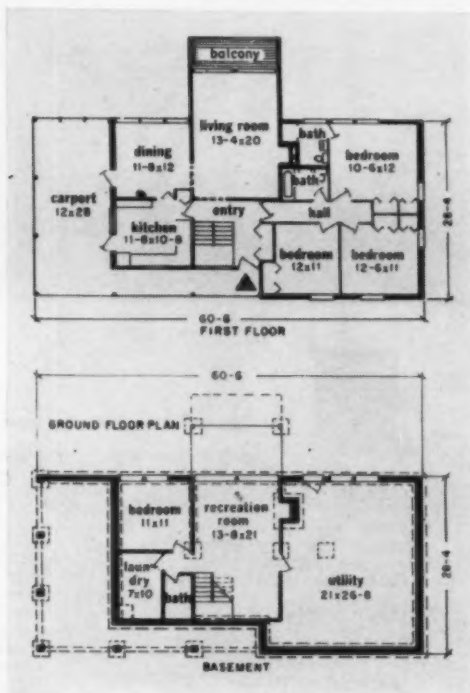
LOCATION: Bethesda, Maryland

PRICE: \$31,000

AREA: 2,938 sq. ft. (1st floor)

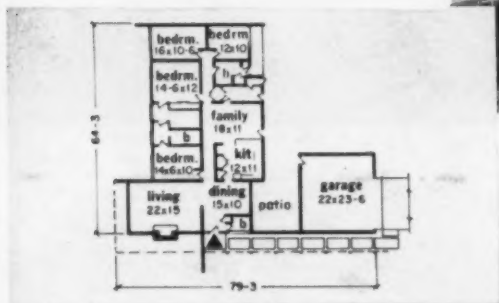
ARCHITECTS: Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon

Builder's Choice:
Bath fixtures—Briggs Mfg. Co.;
appliances — Frigidaire Div.,
G.M.; hood fans—NuTone, Inc.;
heating & air-conditioning—Len-
nox Industries; kitchen cabinets
—Precisionware, Inc.; hot water
heaters—Rheem Mfg. Co.; inside
walls—U.S. Gypsum.





"Glass walls, exposed framing, low roof enclose a plan that uses every inch"



BUILDER: Harbor View Hills Const. Corp.

LOCATION: Corona del Mar, Cal.

PRICE: \$31,000

AREA: (House) 2,247 sq. ft.

ARCHITECTS: Schwager, Fernald & Balow

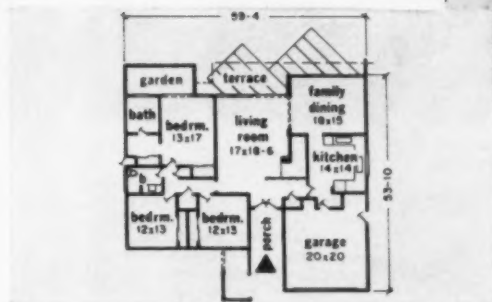
Builder's Choice:
Dishwasher & disposer—Waste King Corp.; pipe—Johns-Manville Corp.; range & oven—Tappan Co.; plumbing fixtures—American Standard; toilets—Case Mfg. Co.; furnace & hot water heater—Payne Co.; bath accessories—Hall-Mack Co.



"Ingenious use of materials and details make this an outstanding house"



Fran Hunt, Los Angeles



BUILDER: L. M. Halper & Co.

LOCATION: Studio City, Cal.

PRICE: \$29,500

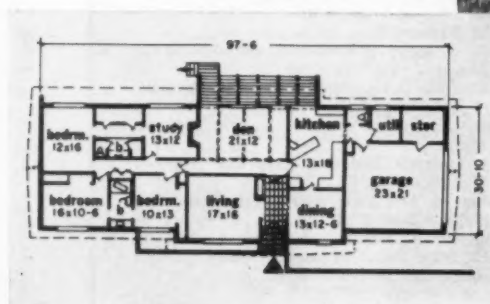
AREA: (House) 2,100 sq. ft.

ARCHITECT: David Freeman

Builder's Choice:
Floor—Kentile Inc.; sliding aluminum doors—Soule Steel Co.; oven & range—O'Keefe & Merritt; dishwasher & disposer—Waste King Corp.; kitchen cabinets—Sawyer; air-conditioning—York, Borg-Warner; hardware—Schlage Lock Company.



"A lot more quality, design and living space than its price tag would indicate"



BUILDER: Ray M. Wright, Inc.

LOCATION: Columbus, Georgia

PRICE: \$40,000

AREA: (House) 2,390 sq. ft.

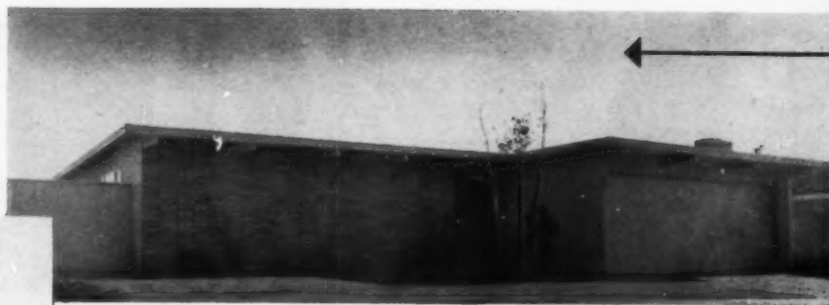
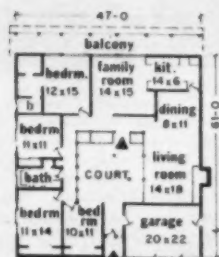
ARCHITECTS: Roddenberry & Talley

Builder's Choice:
Insulation—Johns-Manville; termite treatment—Orkin; heat & air-conditioning—Bryant Mfg. Co.; plumbing—American Standard; built-in appliances—Caloric Appliance Corp.; walls & ceilings—Best-Wall Gypsum Co.; vapor barrier—Visking Co.

AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS



"Lives around an open court, provides quiet privacy to all principal rooms"



John Haskett & Ass., San Francisco

BUILDER: Stoneson Dev. Corp.

LOCATION: Millbrae, California

PRICE: \$28,000

AREA: (House) 1,797 sq. ft.

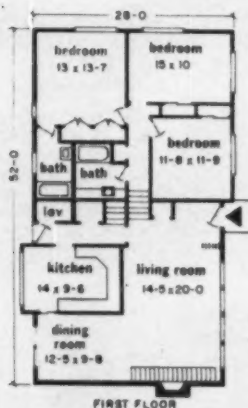
ARCHITECTS: William Kubach

Builder's Choice:

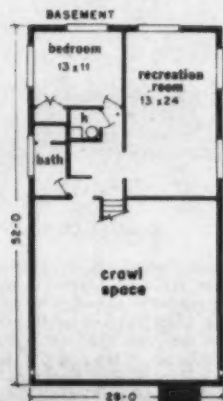
Appliances—General Electric; lighting fixtures—Lightolier Co.; flooring—Armstrong Cork Co.; plumbing fixtures—Kohler Co.; faucets—Moen Faucet Div.; plywood—Douglas Fir Plywood Co.; cabinets—Emanuel; aluminum doors—Arcadia Metal Prods.



"Exceptional plan with excellent traffic lanes, large rooms, ample storage space"



FIRST FLOOR



BUILDER: Community Const. Co.

LOCATION: Salt Lake City, Utah

PRICE: \$22,300

AREA: (House) 1,502 sq. ft.

ARCHITECTS: John N. Clawson

Builder's Choice:

Appliances—Whirlpool Corp.; plumbing & heating—American Standard; aluminum—Alco, Inc.; heating & air-conditioning—Janitrol; floors—Armstrong Cork Co.; insulation—Owens Corning; paint—General Paint Co.; inside walls—U.S. Gypsum.

And watch for these award winning houses in future issues

Lack of space stopped us from showing the rest of our award winning contestants. They're as newsworthy as those in this issue, and will be published, along with photographs, plans, and other pertinent data, in forthcoming issues of American Builder. Soon to be seen are:

\$15,000—\$25,000: G. S. Shipp & Son, Limited, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada

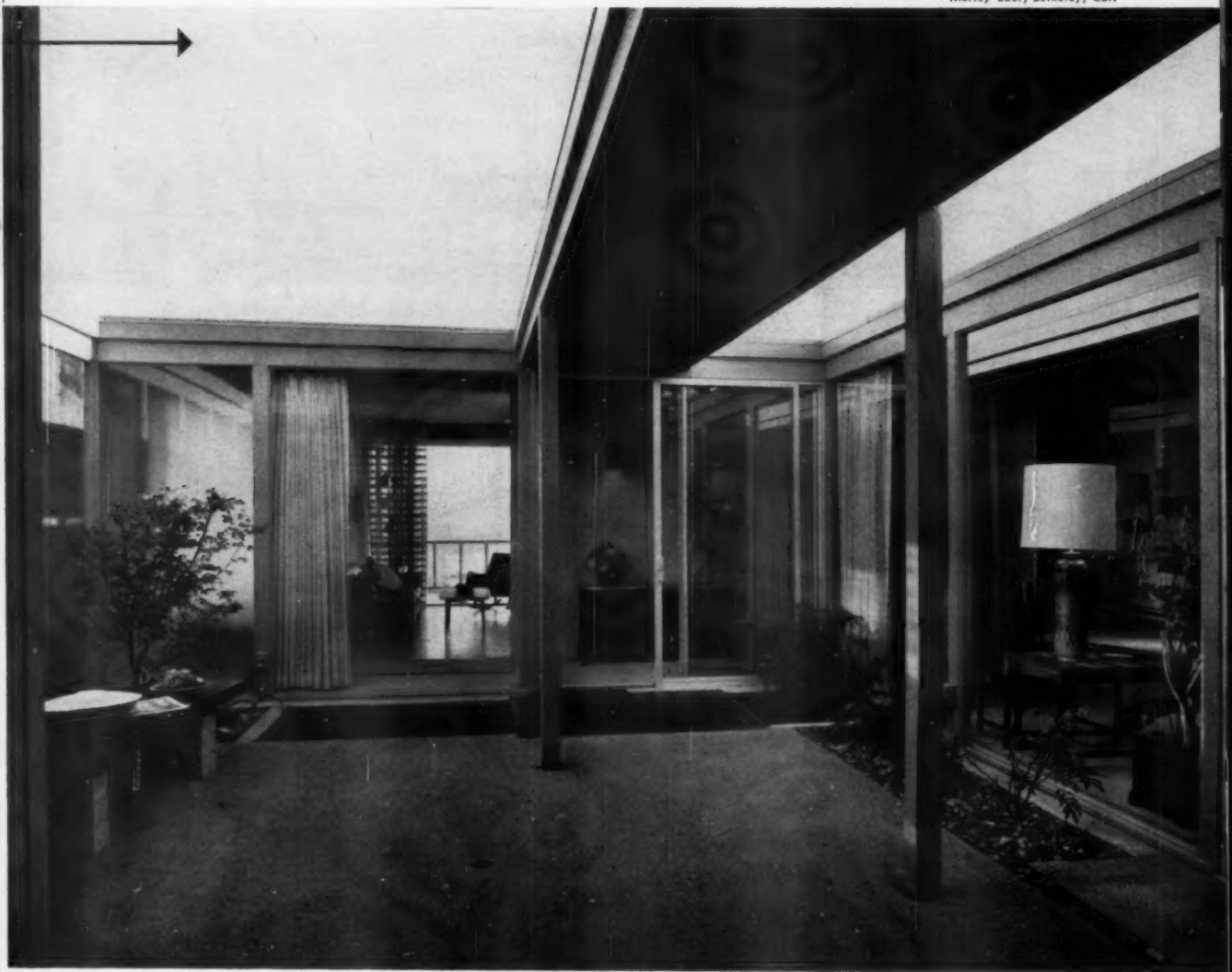
\$25,000—\$40,000: Denton Development Co., San Antonio, Texas

\$25,000—\$40,000: R. E. Dresser Const. Co., Inc., Akron Ohio

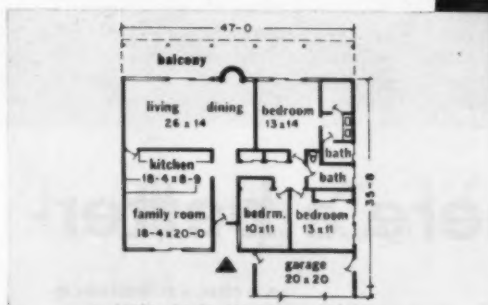
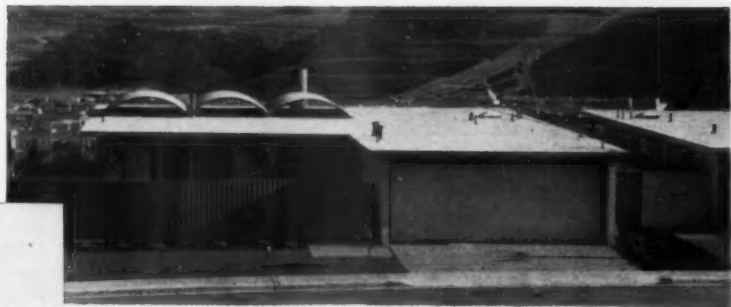
\$25,000—\$40,000: Grandview Building Co., Los Angeles, California

NOTE: The winner of The First Award Of Distinction in the 'Under \$15,000 Class' built by Bell & Valdez of Bellevue, Washington and shown on Page 9, will be American Builder's Blue Print House for May. Design is excellent and chock full of good ideas.

Morley Baer, Berkeley, Cal.



"Triumphs over a narrow lot—opens front and back to patio and view"



BUILDER: *Stoneson Dev. Corp.*

LOCATION: *Milbrae, California*

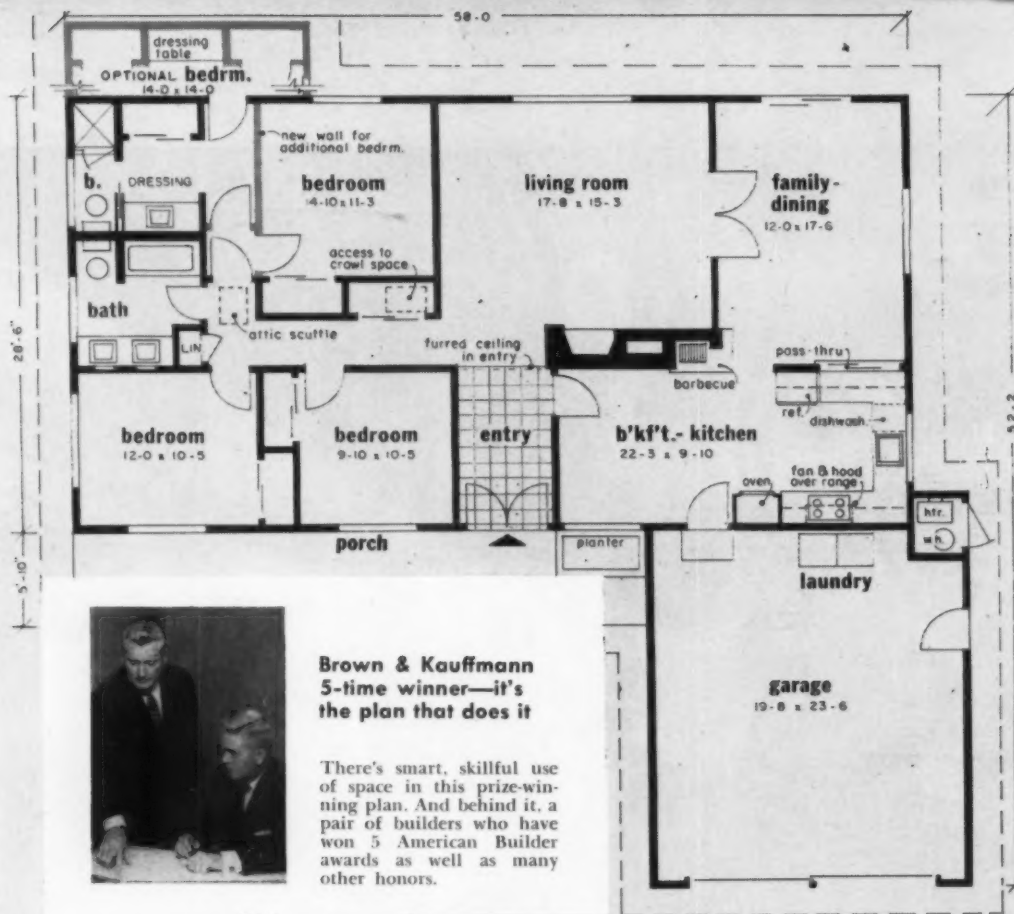
PRICE: *\$27,000*

AREA: *(House) 1,650 sq. ft.*

ARCHITECT: *William Kubach*

Builder's Choice:

Appliances—General Electric;
lighting fixtures—Lightolier Co.;
floors—Armstrong Cork Co.;
plumbing fixtures—Kohler Co.;
faucets—Moen Faucet Div.; ply-
wood—Douglas Fir Plywood Co.;
aluminum sliding doors—Arcadia
Metal Products.



"Plan is near perfect..."

BUILDER:

Brown & Kauffmann, Inc.

LOCATION:

Palo Alto, California

PRICE:

\$17,450 (without land)

AREA:

1,550 sq. ft.; porch, garage

ARCHITECTS

Prentice & Lindstrom

Brown and Kauffman of Palo Alto, Calif. won an Award of Merit for the "near perfect" plan pictured above . . . but that wasn't the only reason.

They backed the basic plan with quality details, and quality planning design.

In addition to the "near perfect" plan they:

- Produce a 12'x17' family sized "country kitchen" (pictured opposite).
- Offer a colorful ranch type exterior, with a 37 ft. front porch, protected double-door entry, brick columns and red cedar shake roof.
- Present interiors (shown on

following pages) complete with louvered doors, colorful old brick fireplaces, warm wood panelling.

As a result of the quality of design and construction, Brown & Kauffmann have won five American Builder awards. Model pictured packs 1,550 sq. ft. of living space into its economical plan.

Traffic flow is excellent, allowing swift movement from the entry to all areas.

The firm uses "American Heritage Homes" as its trademark and draws on early California ranch houses for inspiration. It employs the architectural firm of Prentice & Lindstrom to execute the ideas.

...and where is there a better-



"AMERICAN HERITAGE" is the name used by Brown & Kauffmann to describe their homes. This award winner features red cedar shakes, redwood siding, brick columns

and a protecting front porch that recalls early California ranch days. Interior styling carries out the same theme, as in the "country kitchen" (below) with its barbecue fireplace.



looking California Ranch?"



FAMILY ROOM is 17 ft. long and spacious, has handy pass-through to kitchen (left). Wide double louvered doors separate it from living room (right) make both rooms seem larger. Kitchen barbecue wall is seen in center.

WHAT

"We like its louvered doors,

Judges of American Builder's Quality Model Home contest liked the interior of this house for its charm, livability and detailing.

A good example is the 17-ft. family room (above) which is big enough for an average group, yet doesn't waste any space. It seems larger than

it actually is because of the wide opening to the living room.

Colorful second-hand brick is used for the kitchen-barbecue fireplace, also for living room fireplace (visible through open door).

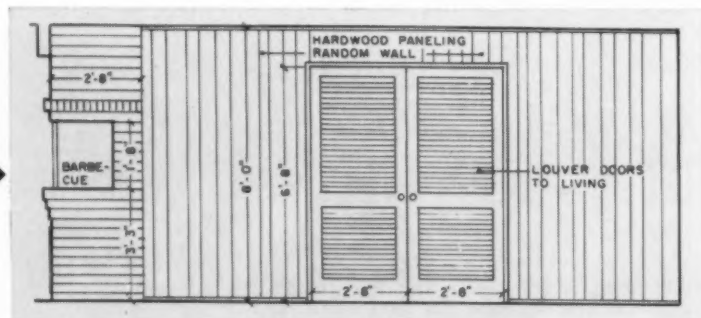
Rich toned plywood panelling adds appeal to this family room.

Builder's choice: 10 top quality products

American-Standard fixtures; RCA - Whirlpool - built - in range, dishwasher and disposer; Nu Tone range hood and fan; Day & Nite 40 gal. water heater; Frazer-Johnson warm air furnace; Arcadia sliding patio doors; Armstrong vinyl floors; Bryant switches; Roddiscraft hardwood panelling; Pomona tile by Gladding McBean.

Other quality products included Red Cedar shingle shakes; Celotex and U. S. Gypsum sheathing; Radco aluminum windows; Minneapolis - Honeywell thermostats.

Brown & Kauffmann merchandise the quality products they use—by manufacturers' displays, product cutaways, signs, literature.



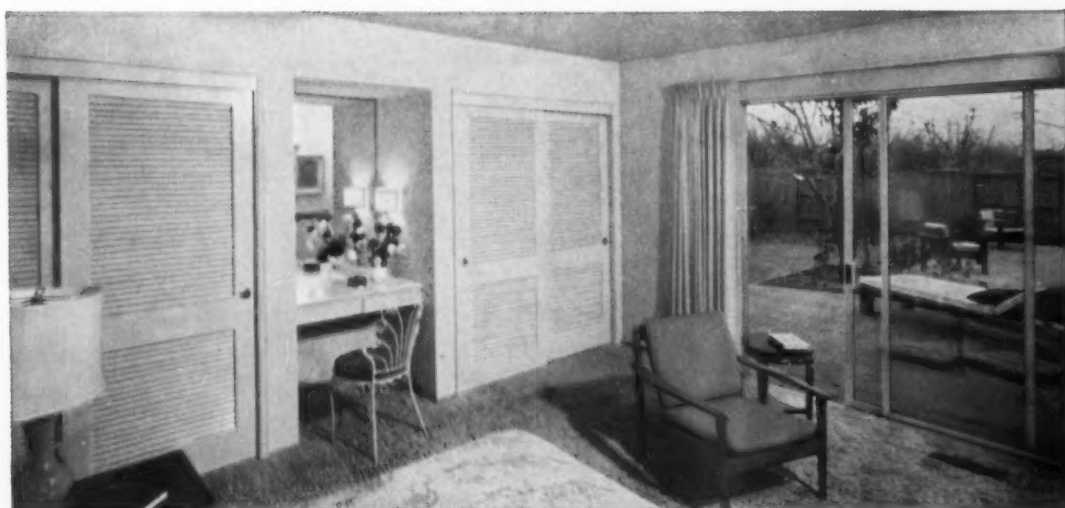
HOW



WIDE SLIDING aluminum doors lead from family room to redwood recreation deck at rear of house. Rich tones of

wood panelling were popular with buyers. Living room has garden picture window, old brick fireplace.

colorful brick, warm panelling"



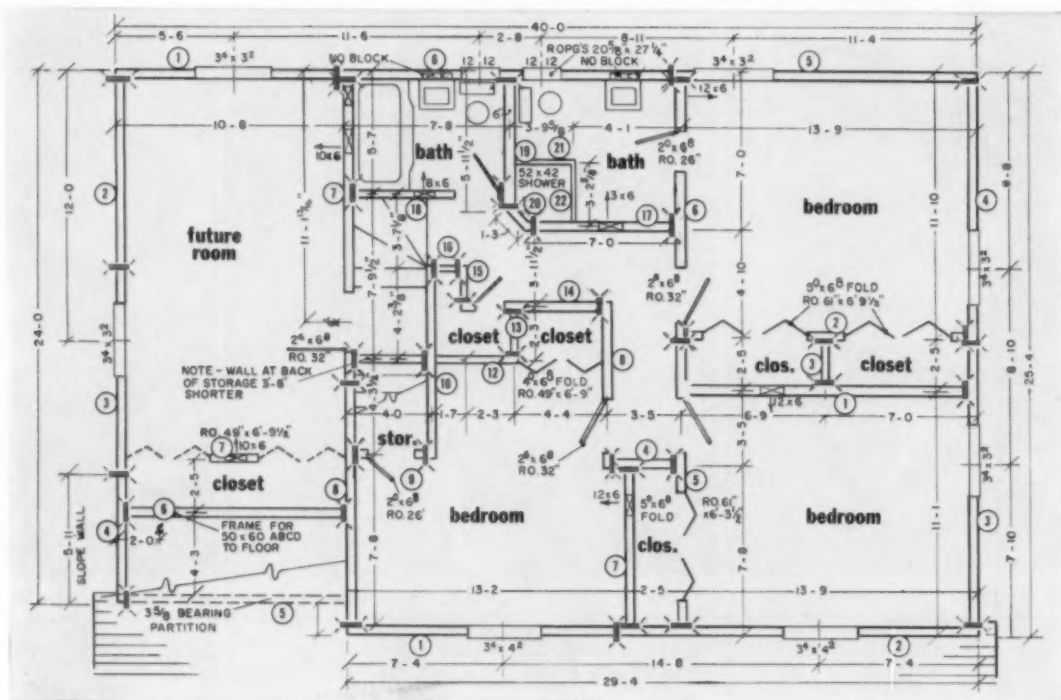
DELUXE BEDROOM SUITE is an optional feature of plan, or can be added later. Here the fine styling pays off, with

twin wardrobes equipped with louvered sliding doors. Built-in dressing table and mirror add to appeal.

THE BIG PICTURE

Four page fold-out of new assembly system.

New local twist on prefab....

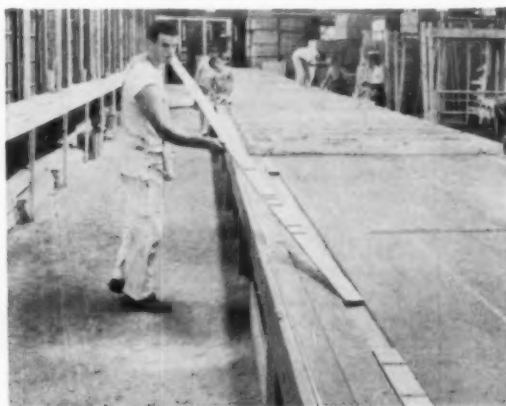


1 Exterior and interior walls are divided into segments that can be easily handled and transported, generally weighing less than 350 pounds each. Walls will be assembled in a con-

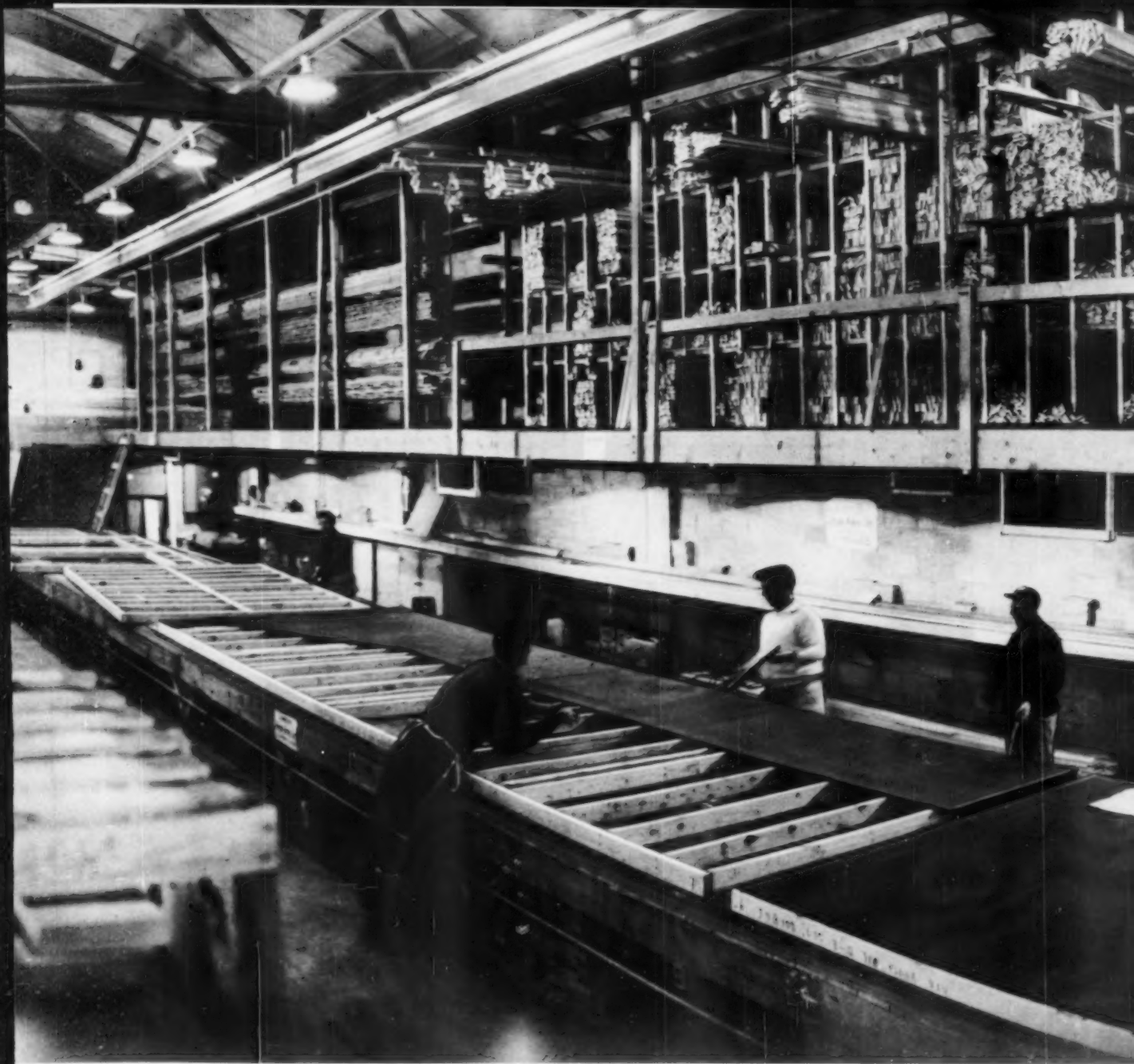
tinuous strip on a 175 foot long table... then disassembled into segments as planned. Segments are numbered both on plan and on executed wall sections for orderly assembly at site.



2 Patternmaker transfers blueprint dimensions and instructions to a series of 16 foot long plywood pattern strips, marking strips for both top and bottom of walls at same time.



3 Pattern strips are inserted into grooves running length of table. When house will be repeated, strips have cleats—to form slots into which framing members fit exactly.



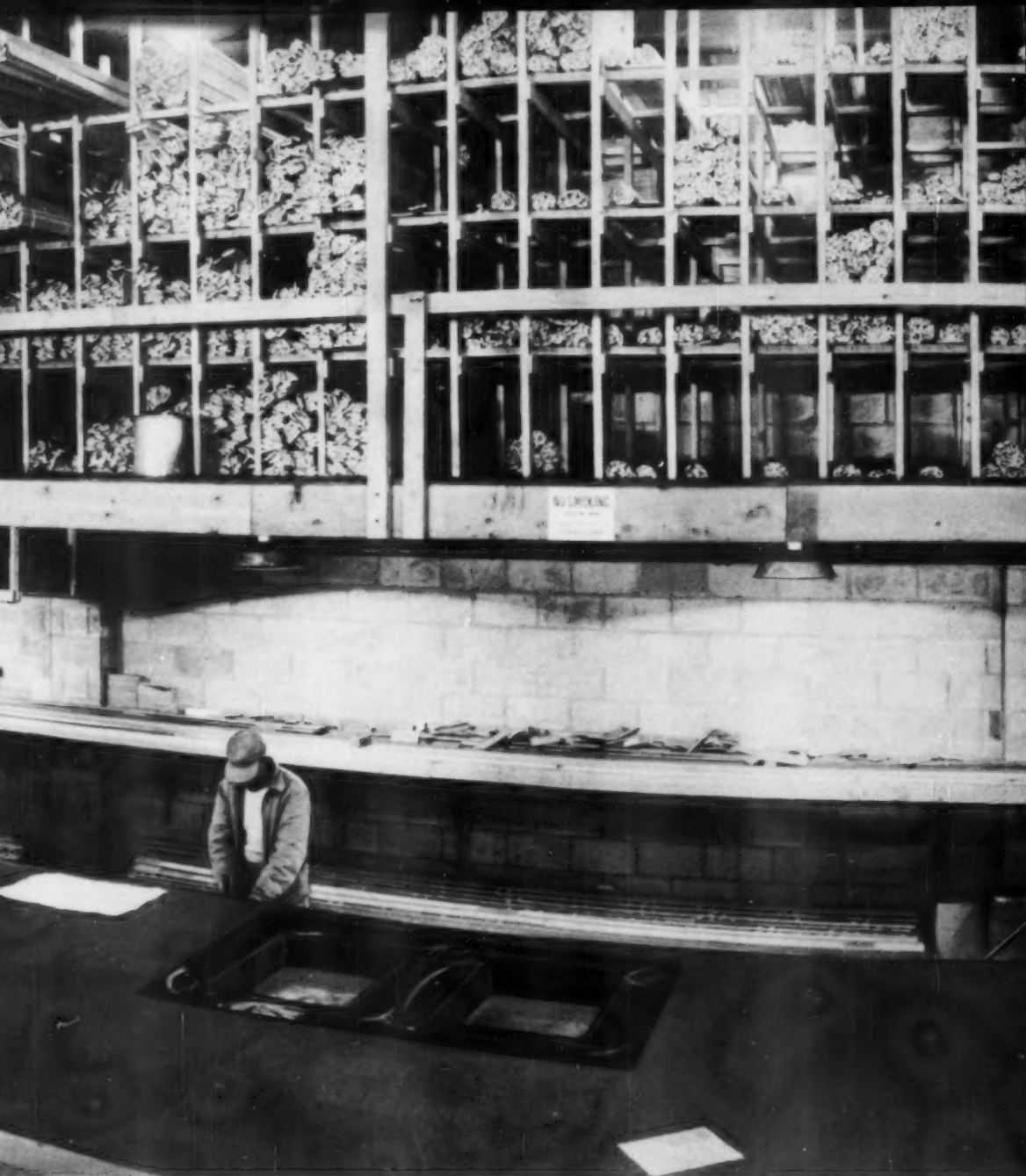
PANORAMIC CAMERA "bends" 175 foot long table into single picture at Kerdisco Homes, Washington Grove, Md. House is on

... all exterior and interior walls are as

New approach to prefabrication pays with even one-of-a-kind houses, says its inventor. He's licensing his system to retail lumber dealers.

There's nothing new about a table or tables on which a house is built. What is new about the table above is that it can be set up and switched from one house plan to another—quickly, easily, cheaply. To change houses, all that's neces-

sary is to remove strips from the ends and far sides of the table and place them with another house plan. handy, store compact. To reverse a p-



is one of approximately 45 for "Top of the Park" subdivision of W. Evans Buchanan, prominent Washington, D.C. a

assembled in a continuous strip; table is

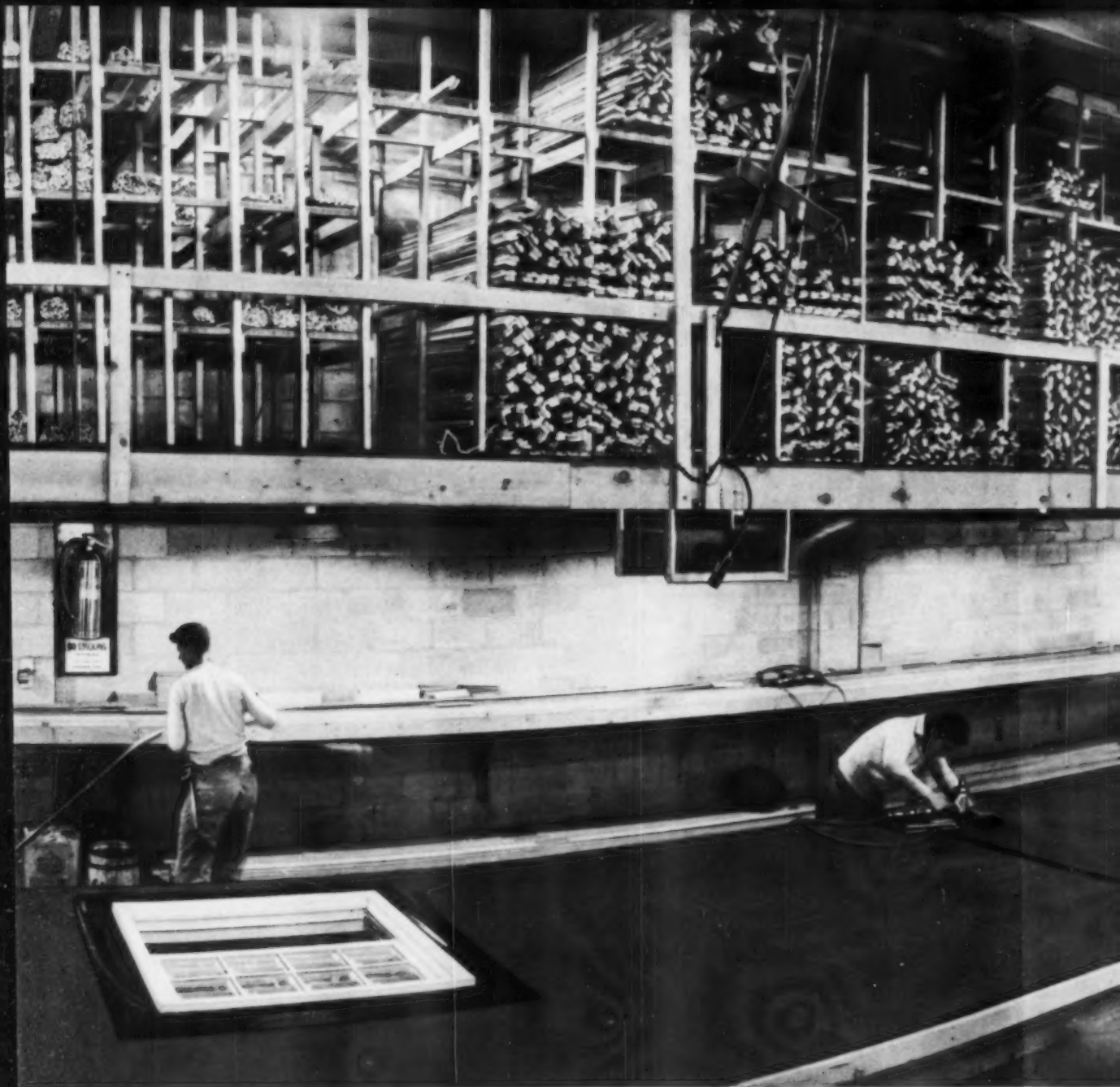
remove the set of pattern
in the grooves in the near
edges of the table—and re-
in with a set of strips of
house. Strips are light,
are compactly.
e a plan, all that's needed

is to insert pattern strips upside
down and start from the opposite
end of the table. To help matters,
the upper strip (being nearer the
sky) is painted blue, the lower strip
pink.

The table—including its manner

of use—is the invention of John M.
Kemp, Jr. of Chattanooga, Tenn. Its
main point is its flexibility—"as
distinguished from tables with fixed
patterns," to quote the language of
Kemp's method-and-apparatus pa-
tent No. 2754862.

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area builder. Outside plant, as picture was made, Washington struggled through heaviest snowstorm of season. Window frames, door frames

s specially equipped to guide assembly of an

is a scholarly-looking realtor, owner, volume builder and now licensor and his own local office in Chattanooga. He ticks off Kemp System's advantages:

What happens at the site is re-

assembly, so there is practically zero chance that any part will fail to fit or turn up missing.

- "Work's at an ideal height, with end-nailing throughout. No toenailing, no carpenters hanging clumsily from the top of a wall.

- "It takes four men about two hours to erect the exterior and interior walls of a 1,500 square foot house on the site.

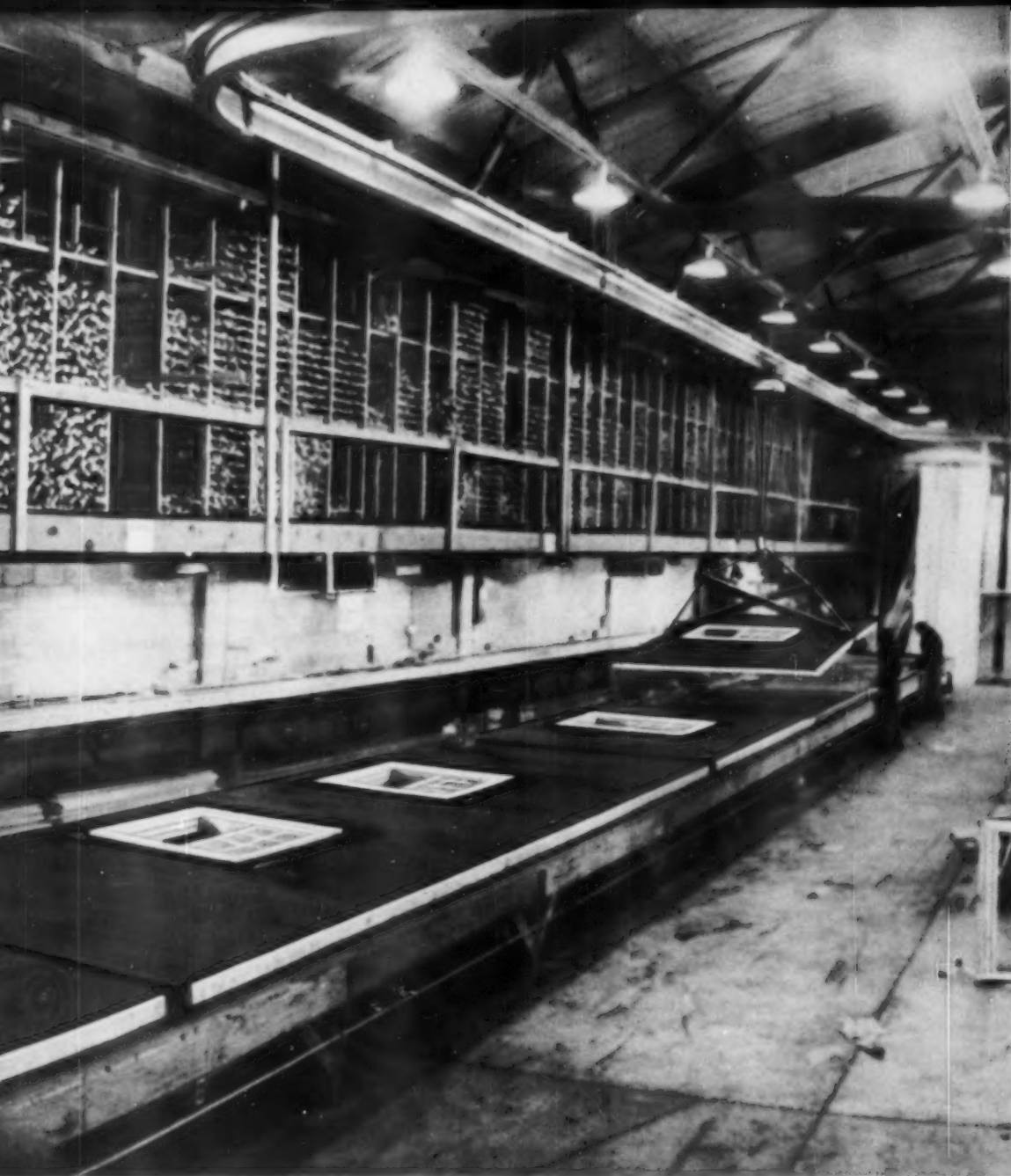
- "The more complicated a house, the more we can save the builder.

- "It's so easy to change houses that

here's the answer to the permanent look-alike problem.

- "Now custom builders can enjoy benefits of prefabrication.

- "The builder can operate without compromise. He can be completely



or frames, tees—all are positioned according to instructions on pattern strips.

n endless variety of houses

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problem.

builders, too, can
prefabrication.

can expand his
committing him-
completely flexible

in relation to his market.

● "It puts the lumber dealer in the
prefabrication business—on a highly
desirable local basis.

● "Cost of installing apparatus for
the Kemp System (main work table,
pattern table, overhead track, two

trolleys, two hoists, two tongs, saws,
work tables and racks) is low. We
figure it at less than \$6,000."

So far, the Kemp System has licensed
plants operating in Toccoa, Ga.,
Chattanooga, Tenn., Murfreesboro,
Tenn. and Washington, D.C.

REMODELING ... this prof

LEARN IT...

Schools and other agencies teach techniques

Many builders flock to Herb Richheimer's home modernizing school. Helpful, too, are local utilities and lumber dealers who keep close to remodeling demands.

Homeowners will spend in 1961 an estimated total of \$15.1 billion adding extra rooms, putting on new siding, modernizing kitchens and improving their property. This means that for every \$3 spent on new home construction this year, Americans will spend \$2 fixing up their old ones.

This is the conclusion reached by the Wall Street Journal from a recent survey it made of building materials producers, lumber yards, contractors and mortgage lenders. The dollar volume indicates tremendous opportunities in the remodeling market for builders faced with home-building woes this year.

How to start

How does a builder get into this opportunity market? He does it simply by following three steps. They are: (1) *learn how to break into it and what's involved with working at remodeling*; (2) *learn how to make contact and sell remodeling jobs to homeowners*; (3) *put your skills together and go out and use them*.

You can get a lot of advice from your local lum-

ber dealer or utility. Both frequently know the market demands and will provide technical advice and help. The lumber dealer, in particular, will go far in helping you price a job and size materials. A good bet is to go to a remodeling school of the type recently started by Herbert Richheimer of Long Island, N. Y.

Offers Complete Course

Richheimer, who made a national reputation remodeling for Levittown families, recently invited 15 builders from throughout the country to an intensive 15-day management training course in home modernization. Richheimer charged each builder \$2,000 to attend, but offered, in return: (1) his formula for estimating nearly all kinds of jobs; (2) a cost-control and accounting system based on a 5% net return on sales; (3) a price handbook, contracts and other forms, and a design pack that helps salesmen design a job while closing a sale with a customer; (4) merchandising and advertising programs; (5) financing techniques; (6) supervision systems; (7) advice on dealing with salesmen, subcontractors, and employees.

More to come

The course, which will be repeated several times through the years, is designed to equip a builder with all the know-how needed to start a modernization company of any scope or size.



FROM THE BOSS—Genial Herb Richheimer, master remodeler and head of the Richheimer Modernizing Systems, welcomes group of builders on opening day of remodeling

school. Builders came from all over the country to attend first of series of 15-day short courses to be held in Long Island, N. Y. on all phases of remodeling.

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You've got to give the buyer what "she" wants

Gorman, director of training for the Primer Modernizing Systems, unveils techniques for making customer contact, getting the job, then closing the sale.

g a remodeling job requires a strong sense of psychology along with good business sense, Fred Gorman. He is Richheimer's sales manager and director of remodeling training. Some of the advice he gives his fledgling salesmen before sending them out to sell.

Put yourself in the buyer's shoes. This begins when you enter the house. Analyze the decor. Size up the customer. Try to determine what is best for her. Frequently a buyer lives so close to the house he or she isn't fully aware of their needs.

Feel the pulse of the family's living. Try to determine if the improvement will add to their quality of life; then point out how. Try to add to the improvement some work that will appeal to the youngsters in the family.

Help the family solve its problem with a solution it can afford. The family's budget is all important. This means you frequently must substitute compromise, blend. Never try to force a solution on a family beyond its ability to pay. The family will never forgive you and the things

they'll say about you won't help your neighborhood reputation.

- Operate professionally and surely. Show no doubt and you're lost. If you don't have an answer to a question promise to find one.

- Design on the spot while the customer is talking. This helps customer visualize his needs and helps you to more rapidly work out a price. A good trick is to photograph the remodeling job "before," then draw in the proposed improvements with a ball-point pen. Lines can be erased with a wet handkerchief and you can show your customer a variety of improvement combinations.

- Give your customer the price of the job, not just an estimate. Sell a remodeling job just as you would an appliance. Don't have your customer fear "extra costs" through the course of the job.

- Don't let your customer doubt your reputation. Give him every advantage. Prove by your manner and your craftsmanship that you're a professional, respectable businessman, and home improver.

- Don't take advantage of mistakes. Your customer may sometimes overpay you for an item of work, or pay twice for a single item. Return the money and point out the mistake. It will clear your conscience and do a lot for your reputation locally.

- Correct work mistakes gladly. Important to your community standing and reputation is the willingness to send your workmen back.



THE TRAINER—Fred Gorman (standing center) directs training and sales manager for Richheimer, freely admits many of the "tricks-of-the-trade" he's learned

about improving the remodeling field. Gorman feels one of the biggest breaks homeowners have given builders doing remodeling is the trend away from "do-it-yourselfism."

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Modeling closely resembles custom building



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CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION CO. of Walnut Creek, Calif., does a big business taking waste space and converting it into useable area. Example is this open porch converted into closed-in living space.

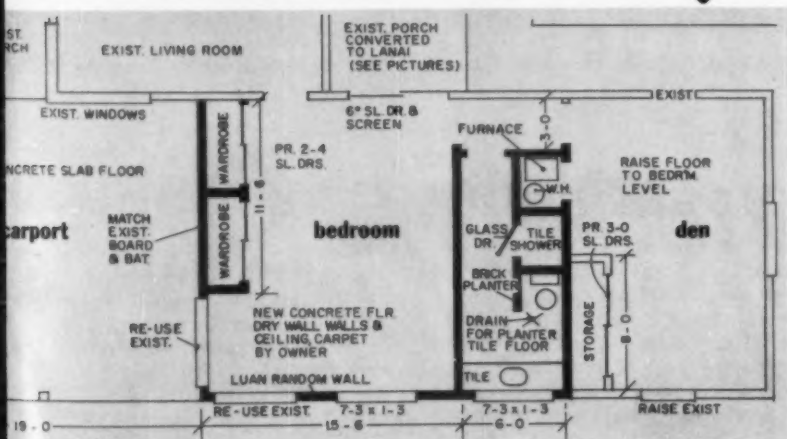
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Work proves a delight as well as profitable for small builder who prides himself on craftsmanship. He can concentrate on details that tract building denies him.

What remodeling can offer an enterprising builder shows up clearly in the recent history of the Osmundsen Company, Walnut Creek, Calif., builders.

Osmundsen long has been a builder of custom homes doing a recent yearly volume of about \$1 million. Three years ago, because it received so many requests for remodeling jobs, Osmundsen formed a subsidiary—Custom Construction Co. Dick Osmundsen, one of the partners, took charge.

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BRICK DIVIDER WALL accents driveway leading up to semi-closed carport. Simple touches frequently make the big difference. The Custom Company operates generally with one boss and two men.

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Together with two carpenters, Dick took a series of jobs that consisted mainly of adding bedrooms and baths or, sometimes, family rooms to existing homes.

A typical contact would run something like this. A family lives in a house worth \$25,000 to \$30,000 which, when built, sold for about \$20,000 to \$30,000. In the course of 4 to 8 years living the owner would have paid from \$6,000 to \$10,000 in mortgage money. The owner's family has grown and he decides he needs larger quarters.

He looks around and if he sees a house he likes, he buys. But frequently, since his home is in an established neighborhood and he has, over the years, made friends from whom he doesn't want to separate, he decides to enlarge his existing home. If his remodeling plans aren't too ambitious, he

learns he can get a new loan of up to two-thirds the value of his house, *after* remodeling. Should the remodeling job run only \$4,500 or less he can get a Home Improvement loan for five years. This will eliminate the necessity of refinancing his old home and losing the low interest rate of his old loan.

Osmundsen claims that *this practice has gotten so widespread that in three years operation he has increased his workforce to 18 carpenters and one superintendent.* His time is spent estimating and selling jobs.

Custom Construction Company's home improvement business volume through three years boasted \$100,000 the first year, \$190,000 the second, \$280,000 the third. Last year closed with sales totaling \$400,000.

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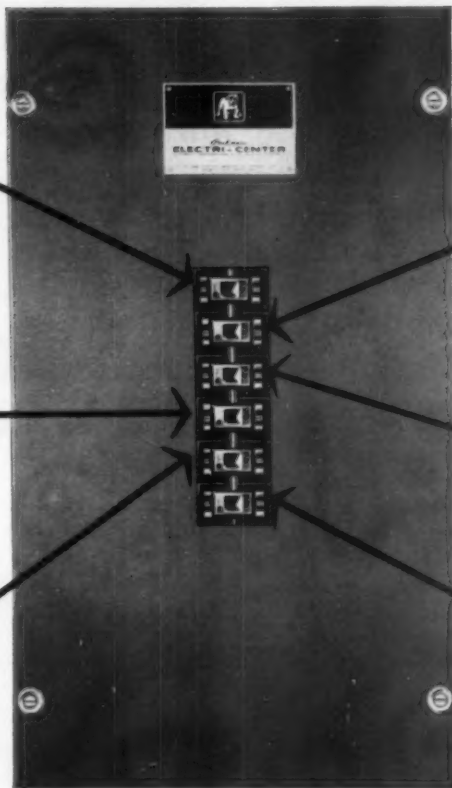
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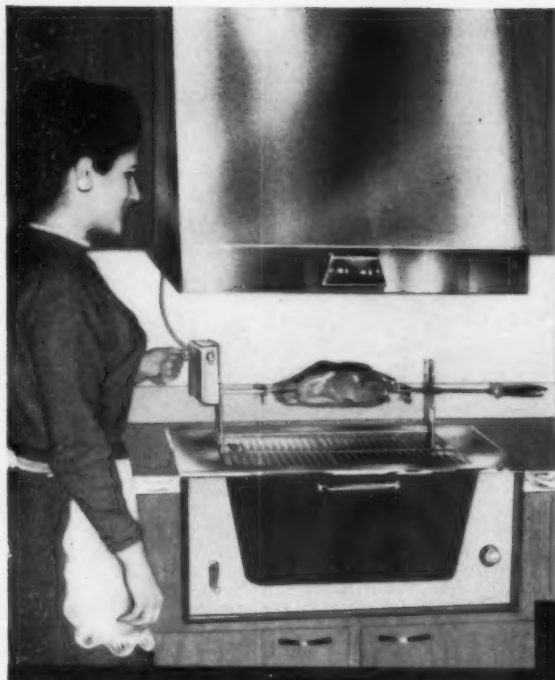
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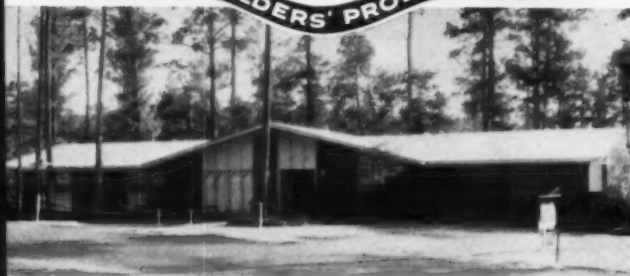


Builder Ray M. Wright of Columbus, Ga., and the beautiful custom-built home in which he installed the Majestic Char-Grill. Mr. Wright's home won an award of merit in the \$25,000 to \$40,000 class in American Builder's 1960 Quality Home Contest.



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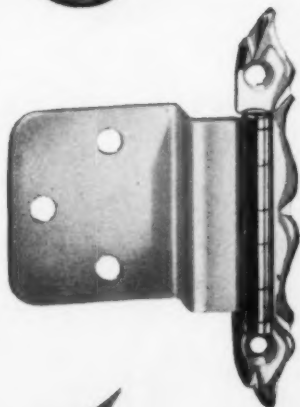


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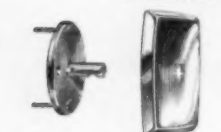


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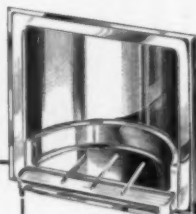


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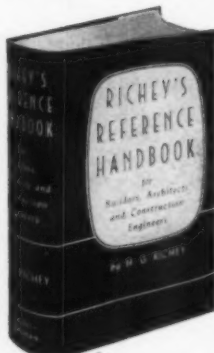
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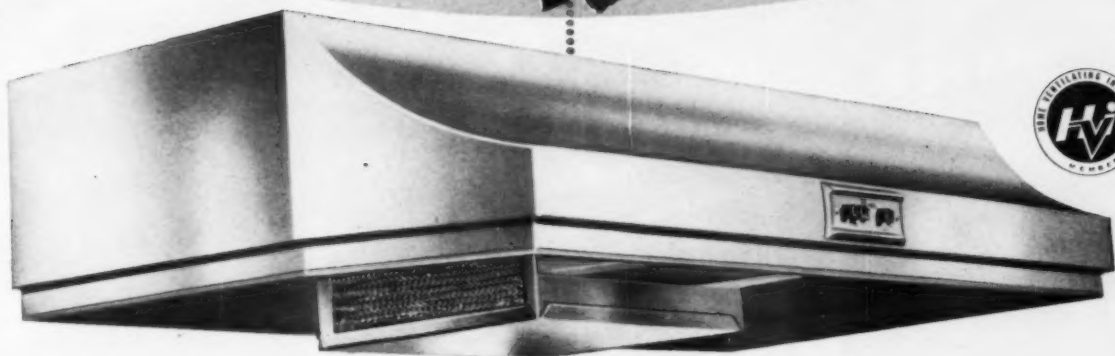
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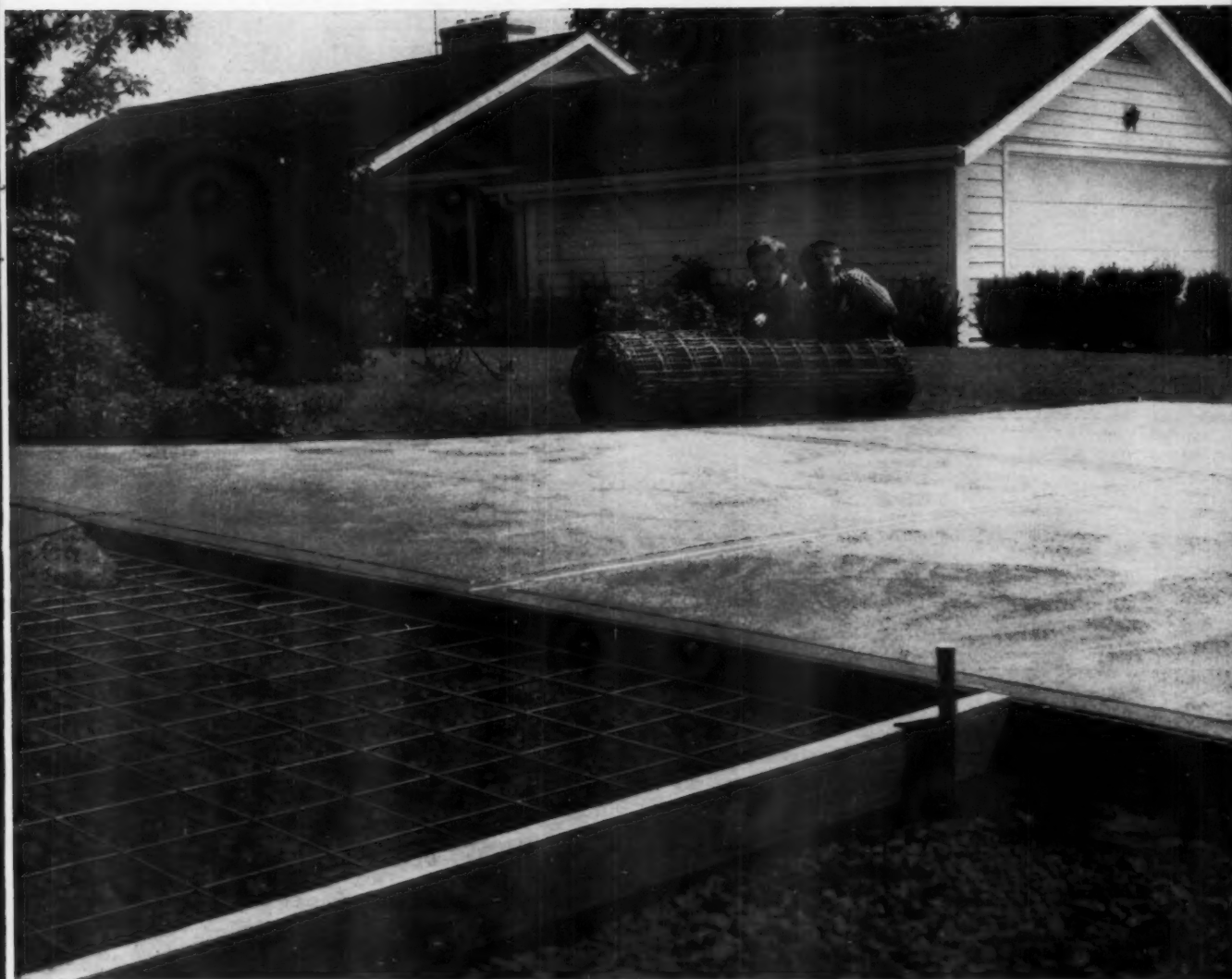
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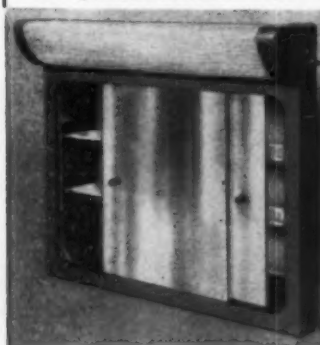
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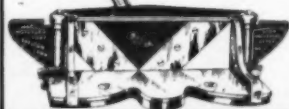
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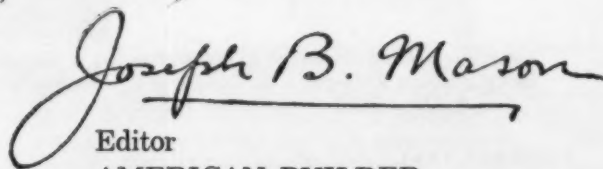
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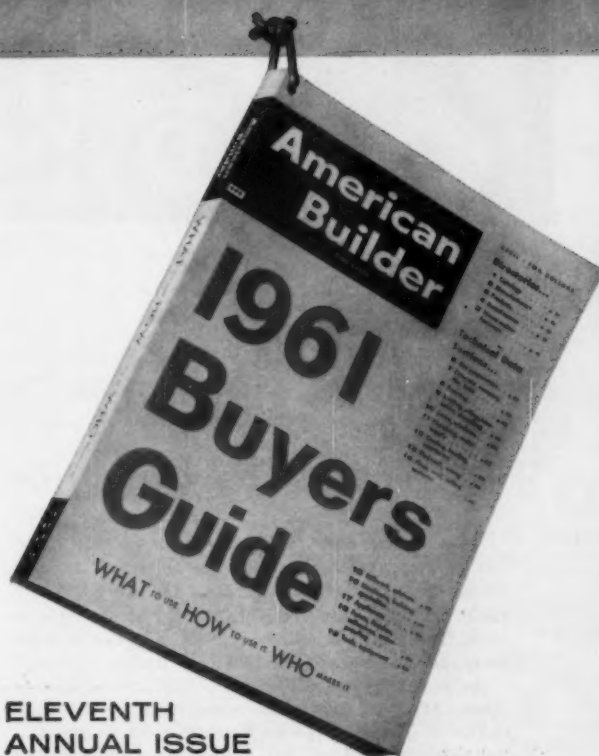
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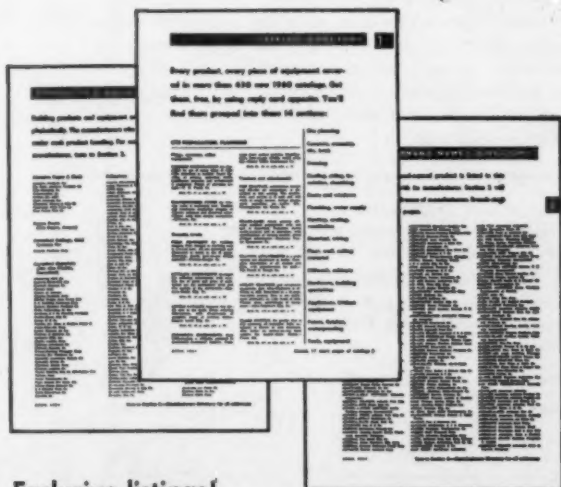
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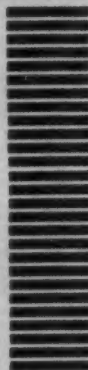
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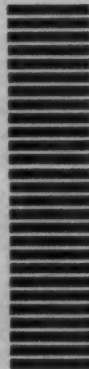
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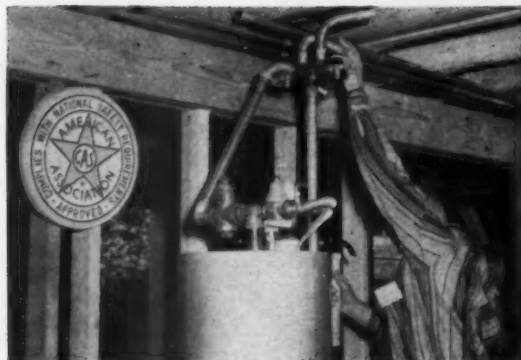
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Hydronic system installs in 72 min.

The photos you see above were shot during an actual installation of a complete hydronic heating and hot water supply system. A three-man team did the job for builder John L. Trott of Northvale, N. J. It took them exactly 72 minutes and 45 seconds from the time they opened the crated equipment until they finished the house's baseboard installation.

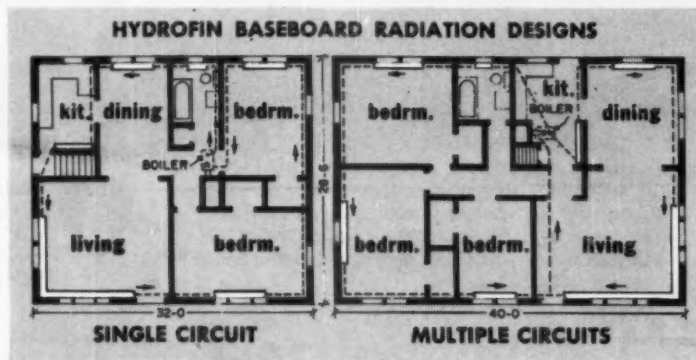
Manufacturer Hydrotherm Inc., which produces the boilers, joined Hydro-Flex Corp. (flexible connectors) and Radiant-Ray-Radiation, Inc. (baseboards) to stage the demonstration. Its purpose: to dramatize the cost- and time-saving techniques now available for installing hydronic heating equipment.

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Full information on entire system is available from Hydrotherm Inc. (Reply No. F1 on p. 137).



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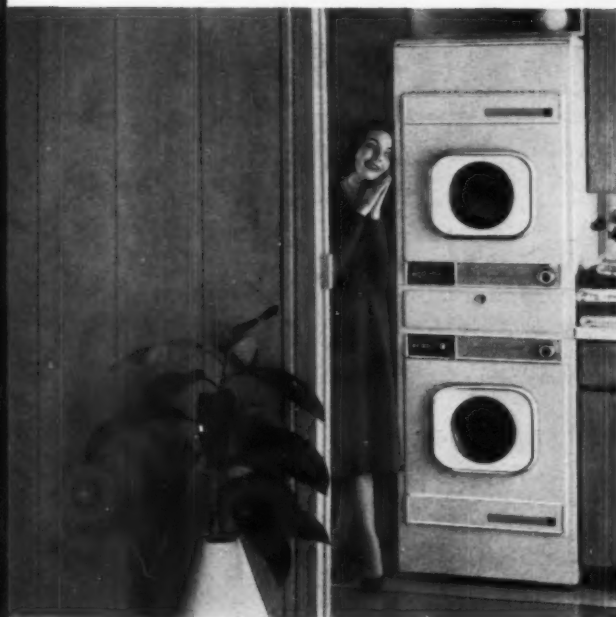
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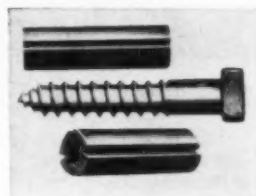
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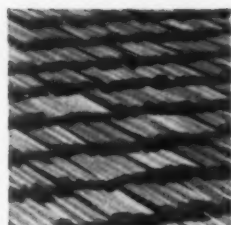
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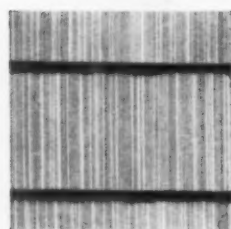
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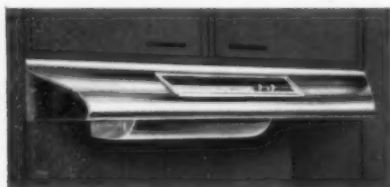
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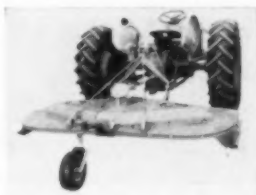
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Heaters warm up winter jobs

Portable heater line adds new larger model, the PH 350, and a smaller unit, the PH 80. Both are designed for easing work during construction, for roughing-in plumbing or heating, for concrete curing, drying and thawing materials. Need no vents.—John Wood Co.

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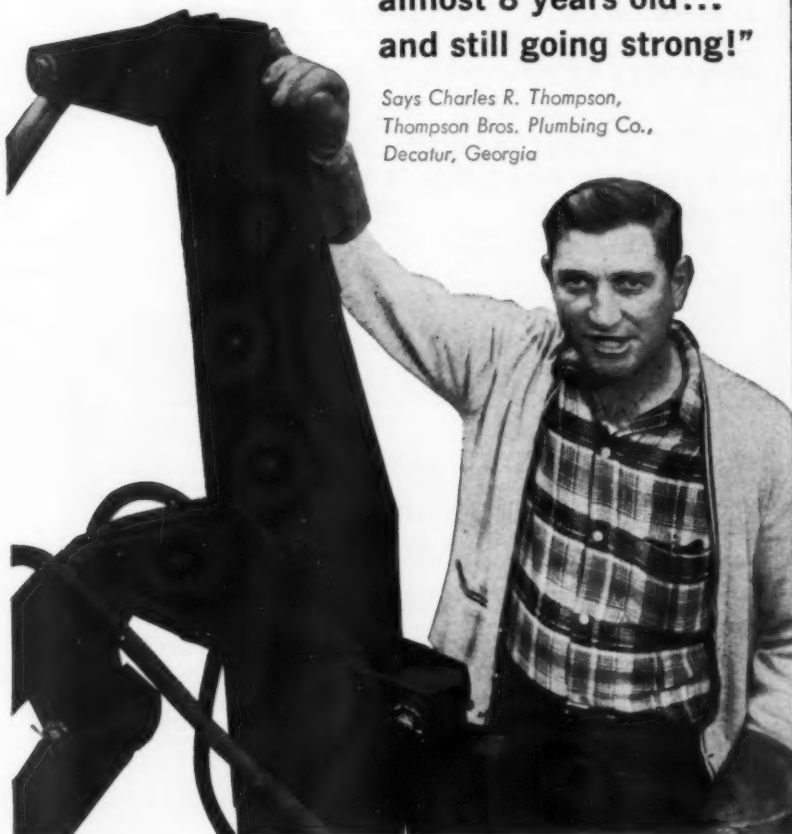
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Circle No. F9 on reply card, p. 137

Advantages of truss system

This 24-page catalog both explains the "Den-Wood" trussed rafter system and shows the various uses of trusses in construction. Step-by-step "on-site" photos show how rafters are constructed, tools used, complete equipment needed.—*Denver Wood Products Co.*

Circle No. F10 on reply card, p. 137

Tile is glazed, unglazed

Four pages of in-color drawings and color combinations on Wheeling's new "Pironette" tile. Unglazed ceramic mosaics in 13/16" rounds. Whole tile has solid field of circular shaped tile interspersed with complementary colors.—*Wheeling Tile Co.*

Circle No. F11 on reply card, p. 137

Schools and building them

There's a lot of good construction information packed into this 12-page booklet from Stronghold Nails. Gives plenty of data on the right nails for specific uses. Includes designs and nailing details for school buildings, construction drawings of walls, floor sections, trussed rafters.—*Independent Nail & Packing Co.*

Circle No. F12 on reply card, p. 137

How to use lighting

Comprehensive, 28-page manual shows how to get best use out of mercury lamp lighting. Of particular interest for commercial building, or work requiring outdoor lighting. Design data, circuit diagrams, complete technical rundown on systems.—*Westinghouse Electric Corp.*

Circle No. F13 on reply card, p. 137

Finish surfaces correctly

Literature from Llenroc covers four surface finishing products. "Rocksure", a moisture-controlling concrete curing compound; "Ferroc", a metallic hardener; "Liquidroc", a concrete floor hardener; and "Siliconex", a concrete and masonry water repellent.—*Llenroc Products Co.*

Circle No. F14 on reply card, p. 137

How to use curtain walls

Eight pages of full color outlines 445,652 curtain wall variations. Erie presents its porcelain enamel wall panels in chart form to outline skin and core materials, assemblies. Also includes detail sketches of panels plus colors.—*Erie Enameling Co.*

Circle No. F15 on reply card, p. 137

Doors and how to choose them

Flush, bifold, stile, rail and "Symphonic" doors are presented in color in Simpson's new eight-page catalog. Symphonic doors have panel variations which give custom look to rooms. Plenty of detail drawings, sizes, specs. Also best use for different door types.—*Simpson Timber Co.*

Circle No. F16 on reply card, p. 137

How to light commercially

Some helpful technical information on outdoor commercial lighting. Particularly good for shopping centers, motels, stores with parking lots, etc. Two pamphlets from Paragon detail four-pole lighting and time-controlling of lighting.—*Paragon Electric Co.*

Circle No. F17 on reply card, p. 137

Wall chart converts dimensions

For anyone who has to do the figuring, this wall chart from Precision Equipment will help. Includes common conversions such as inches to centimeters, watts to h.p., as well as those difficult to locate like cu. ft. to liters, microns to meters, cm/sec to miles/hr.—*Precision Equipment Co.*

Circle No. F18 on reply card, p. 137

How to use glass interiors

How to use patterned glass in commercial interiors is the topic of this eight-page booklet. Shows, with many photos, the various applications of glass to different commercial layouts and problems. Other issues of booklet on different applications.—*American-Saint Gobain Corp.*

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Sewage treatment is low-cost

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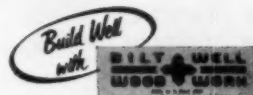
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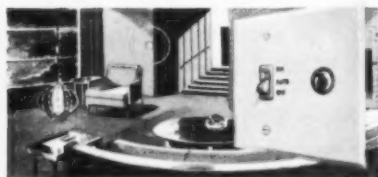
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Construction data on plywood

Catalog has 16 pages full of detail drawings, size and weight construction charts, etc.—Includes written and diagrammed information on new "Sturdi-i-wall" construction system, the "Insta-Floor" system, shelving, concrete forms, sub-flooring.—Douglas Fir Plywood Assn.

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Design churches with wood

"Invitation to Worship" is a full-color, 20-page look at some of the latest finished churches. All use wood as one of their primary materials. You'll find a full package of church designs.—Nat'l Lumber Mfrs. Assn.

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Textured stone is lightweight

"Featherock", a lightweight cellular lava foam stone, is described in photos, drawings and text. Brochure illustrates three types of the stone, suggests various interior and exterior uses, presents technical data chart on types, sizes, coverage per ton, colors, "K" factor, texture.—Featherock.

Circle No. F24 on reply card, p. 137

Patterns in masonry

Dramatic patterns in masonry walls . . . and how to obtain them. "Shadowal" concrete block is shown combined into 22 different building design patterns. This 16-page catalog offers the patterns, then illustrates their use in finished homes, offices, churches, commercial buildings.—National Concrete Masonry Assn.

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How to install ductwork

Ten-page booklet offers instructions on fabricating duct system. Covers any type of warm air heating or air conditioning installation. Step-by-step photographs, diagrams, data on heat-savings, duct sizes, packaging and shipping information. All clearly presented.—Gustin-Baron Mfg. Co.

Circle No. F26 on reply card, p. 137

Bathroom accessories boost sales

Accessories that can add sales value to bathrooms are presented by General Chrome. Pamphlet pictures complete line of towel bars, glass holders, grab bars and rings—all finished in chrome. Complete line, together with number and size, and list price.—General Chrome Inc.

Circle No. F27 on reply card, p. 137

How to install glass blocks

New 20-page catalog shows installation of glass blocks and sculptured glass modules. Filled with actual photos of uses, property and size charts. Also how-to drawings and diagrams. Introduces PC's new sculptured blocks and gives design ideas on how to use them.—Pittsburgh Corning Corp.

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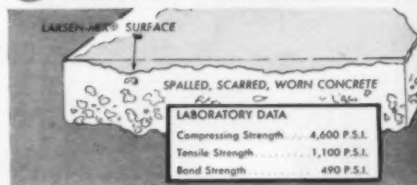
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Circle No. F29 on reply card, p. 137

How to frame a store front

From Bonnell—a complete specification and how-to file on extruded aluminum store front shapes. Loose leaf, punched folder includes more than 20 sheets of drawings on different systems. Covers box framing, flush framing, expansion joint framing. All with detailed drawings.—William L. Bonnell Co., Inc.

Circle No. F30 on reply card, p. 137

What's new in glued beams

Newest edition of "Tim-Press" gives an eight-page look at some of the latest structures using glulam beams. Photos, floor plans and descriptions feature a terminal, two churches and a hangar. Also has a chart detailing where the Timber Structure nearest you is going up.—Timber Structures, Inc.

Circle No. F31 on reply card, p. 137

Where can you use hardboard?

In an eight-page, fact-packed catalog, Georgia Pacific gives you a complete briefing on the latest hardboard uses. Photos suggest new uses for both interior and exterior hardboard. A two-page spec diagram details 14 types of board, descriptions, sizes, retail prices. "How to apply" data.—Georgia Pacific.

Circle No. F32 on reply card, p. 137

Components make rail system

"Connectorail" Bulletin No. 0011, (six pages) describes and illustrates a complete aluminum, non-welded, flush-fitting pipe rail system. Full of detail drawings, dimensions, assembly data and what-how information. Elevation drawings show typical uses of components.—Julius Blum & Co., Inc.

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Utility panel is cost-saver

Booklet offers complete information on Weyerhaeuser's new "Ply-Veneer" panels. Kraft-overlaid veneer sandwich panel has variety of cost-saving utility uses. Eight pages of application photos and drawings, detail sketches, descriptions, size and specification charts.—Silvatek Div., Weyerhaeuser Co.

Circle No. F34 on reply card, p. 137

Learn more about Formica

Group of four-page pamphlets feature latest information about Formica. Newest development is a Formica "Flakeboard" for underlayment beneath plastic laminates. Other booklets give colors and patterns, installation details. Details money-making opportunities with Formica.—Formica Corp.

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Calculates shingle needs

Amount of roof or sidewall your cedar shingles will cover is figured with new coverage calculator. Shirt-pocket size, it does quick and accurate job estimating the coverage, in square feet, of standard bundle of 16, 18 or 24" cedar shingles.—Red Cedar Shingle Bureau.

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| FIRST FLOOR LEVEL AREA | 1,975 S |
| CARPORT & STORAGE AREA | 535 S |
| TERRACE & WALKWAY AREA | 350 S |
| TOTAL BUILDING CUBAGE | 29,000 C |

—EARTH EXCAVATION & GRADING—

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| Topsoil 6" Grade Exc. & Pile | 6,950 S |
| Earth Floor Exc. & Dispose | 1,005 C |
| Earth Foundation Exc. & B'fill | 695 C |
| Earth Hand Footing Exc. & B'fill | 670 C |
| Gravel 4" Flr. & Walk Sub-fill | 2,800 S |
| Exc. Topsoil 6" Grade Sur-fill | 4,150 S |

—CONC. & STEEL CONC., FIN. & REINFORCING—

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| #4 Steel 668 Rod Reinforcing | 575 L |
| 2500# Conc. Wall Footings | 265 C |
| 2500# Conc. Wall Footings Forms | 400 S |
| 2500# Conc. Foundation Walls | 290 C |
| 2500# Conc. Foundation Walls Forms | 915 S |
| 2500# Conc. 4" Flr. & Platf. Slab O.G. | 2,620 S |
| 2500# Conc. 4" Terrace Slab O.G. | 290 S |
| 2500# Conc. Floor Haunch | 190 C |
| 2500# Conc. Floor & Platf. Curb | 30 C |
| 2500# Conc. Floor & Platf. Curb Forms | 80 S |
| 2500# Conc. 4"x4"x8" A.C. Pad & Forms | 1 U |
| Sand 2" Floor Cushion | 10 S |
| Monolithic 2" Floor Sub-finish | 1,820 S |
| Monolithic Floor Finish | 515 S |
| Monolithic Platform Floor Finish | 170 S |
| Exp. Agg. Terrace Treatment | 190 S |
| Premoulded 1/2" Floor Expan. Joint | 180 S |
| Liquid 3 Ct. Floor Hardener | 510 S |
| Kraft Paper Terr., Plt. & Fl. Prot. & Curing | 2,810 S |

—BLOCK CONSTRUCTION & VENEER—

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| P.C. Block 12x12x6" Grill Screen | 152 U |
| Ashlar C. Blk. 8" Plant Box Wall | 95 S |
| Ashlar C. Blk. 8" Exterior Wall | 1,180 S |
| Ashlar C. Blk. 8" Exterior Wall | 160 S |
| Ashlar C. Blk. 8" Exterior Slab B. Wall | 420 S |
| Ashlar C. Blk. 8"x8" Exterior Piers | 30 L |
| Dur-O-Wall 8" Block Reinforcing | 1,390 S |
| 1 1/2 Com. Mort. 8" Block Void Filling | 8 C |
| Acid & Mort. Expos. Block Clean & Point | 2,045 S |
| Mastic 1 Ct. Ext. Wl. Int. Dampprf. | 1,585 S |
| Oakum & Mast. Door & Wind. Caulking | 285 L |

—GYPSUM WALL & CEILING BOARDING—

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| Gypsum 1/2" T. J. Wall Boarding | 4,260 S |
| Gypsum 1/2" T. J. Ceiling Boarding | 2,415 S |
| Gypsum 1/2" Wall Lining | 330 S |
| 26 ga. Metal Corner Beads | 115 L |

—LUMBER FRAMING & CONSTRUCTION—

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| 4x4" Fir D4S Porch & Door Post | 60 L |
| 2x10" Fir Door & Wind. Lintels | 60 L |
| 2x10" Fir Roof Ridge Board | 40 L |
| 2x10" Fir Roof Valley Rafter | 45 L |
| 2x8" Fir Door & Wind. Lintels | 35 L |
| 2x8" Fir Ceiling Beam | 15 L |
| 2x8" Fir Valley Rafter | 30 L |
| 2x8" Fir 24" o.c. Roof Rafter | 60 L |
| 2x8" Fir 24" o.c. Roof Ridge | 120 L |
| 2x8" Fir Bolted Wall Plate | 265 L |
| 2x8" Fir 16" o.c. Ceil. Joists | 330 L |
| 2x6" Fir Door Lintel | 55 L |
| 2x6" Fir Wall Plate | 30 L |
| 2x6" Fir Wall Sill | 30 L |
| 2x6" Fir 16" o.c. Wall Studs | 225 L |
| 2x6" Fir 16" o.c. Ceiling Joists | 1,670 L |
| 2x6" Fir 24" o.c. Roof Rafter | 1,295 L |
| 2x4" Fir Partition Plate | 225 L |
| 2x4" Fir Door Lintel | 30 L |
| 2x4" Fir D4S Porch Rail Slat | 95 L |
| 2x4" Fir D4S Insulation Stop | 315 L |
| 2x4" Fir D4S 16" o.c. Jack Studs | 185 L |
| 2x4" Fir D4S 16" o.c. Partit. Studs | 1,840 L |
| 2x4" Fir D4S 16" o.c. Stud Bridging | 140 L |
| 2x4" Fir Partition Sill | 140 L |
| 2x3" Fir Partition Plate | 5 L |
| 2x3" Fir Partition Sill | 5 L |
| 2x3" Fir 16" o.c. Part. Studs | 25 L |
| 2x2" Fir Beam Ledger | 25 L |
| 1x3" Fir Ceiling X Bridging | 595 L |
| 1x3" Fir 16" o.c. Wall Furring | 1,740 L |
| 1x2" Fir Gravel Stop Blocking | 330 L |
| Fir Plywd. 3/4" Ext. Wall Lining | 285 S |
| 1x6" Fir T&G Roof Lining | 3,560 S |
| 15% Felt Wall Insulation | 285 S |
| Fiberglass 4" Ceiling Insulation | 2,130 S |
| Miner. Surf. 3 Ply Roof Covering | 3,560 S |

—METAL ORNAMENT & MISC. WORK—

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| 1x1/2x1/2" Stl. L Floor Edging | 20 L |
| 3x4x1/2" Stl. L Window Lintel | 44 L |
| 1/2"x1/4" Stl. Wall Plate Anchor Bolts | 30 U |
| Aluminum 4"x1/2" Door Saddle | 20 L |

—ASPHALT FLOOR TILING—

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| Asphalt 1/2" Floor Tiling | 1,380 S |
| Gr. Prf. Asp. 1/2" Floor Tiling | 405 S |

—WOOD EXT. & INT. DOORS & FRAME—

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| 1 3/4" Wh. Pine 3'x6'8" Flush Ext. Dr., FT&H | 2 U |
| 1 3/4" Wh. Pine 2'8x6'8" Flush Ext. Dr., FT&H | 2 U |
| 1 3/4" Wh. Pine 2'8x6'8" Glz. Ext. Dr., FT&H | 1 U |
| 1 3/4" W. Pine 6'x6'8" Flush Int. Dr., FT&H | 2 U |
| 1 3/4" W. Pine 5'x6'8" Flush Int. Dr., FT&H | 2 U |
| 1 3/4" W. Pine 4'x6'8" Flush Int. Dr., FT&H | 2 U |
| 1 3/4" W. Pine 3'x6'8" Flush Int. Dr., FT&H | 1 U |
| 1 3/4" W. Pine 2'8x6'8" Flush Int. Dr., FT&H | 4 U |
| 1 3/4" W. Pine 2'4x6'8" Flush Int. Dr., FT&H | 3 U |
| 1 3/4" W. Pine 2'3x6'8" Louv. Int. Dr., FT&H | 1 U |
| Wood 6'x6'8" Fold. Dr., FT&H&Trk | 1 U |
| Wood 3'x6'8" Fold. Dr., FT&H&Trk | 1 U |

—BIRCH CABINETS & COUNTERS & ACC.—

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| Birch Veneer 7'9x2'3" Sink Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 7'6x2'3" Base Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 6'x2'6x3" Range Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 3'x2'x3" Dish Washer Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 8'6'x2'6'x1" Wall Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 4'x2'6'x1" Wall Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 2'x2'6'x1" Wall Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 3'x1'6'x1" Wall Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 6'x1'6'x1" Ceiling Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 8'6'x4'x2" Wall Counter | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 2'4'x2'6'x8" Oven Cabinet | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 7'x1'6'x3" Sink Vanity Cabin. | 1 U |
| Birch Veneer 6'x1'6'x3" Sink Vanity Cabin. | 1 U |
| Plastic Laminate Counter Tops | 80 S |

—WOOD EXT. & INT. MILLWORK—

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| 3x8" Wh. Pine Roof Fascia | 330 L |
| 1x12" Wh. Pine Closet Shelf | 60 L |
| 1x4" Wh. Pine Wall Base | 450 L |
| 1x3" Wh. Pine Shelf Cleat | 80 L |
| 1x2" Wh. Pine Soffit Molding | 280 L |
| Wh. Pine 3'8"x8'x1" Book Shelves | 1 U |
| Wh. Pine & Mesh 9'x1'3" Gable Louver & Screen | 2 U |
| Wh. Pine & Mesh 7'x1' Gable Louver & Screen | 1 U |
| 1x6" T&G Pine Vert. Ext. Wall Boarding | 445 S |
| 2x4" Redwood Terrace Dividers | 150 L |
| 1-1/2"-d. Hdwd. Clothes Pole & Supp. | 45 L |
| Alum. Mesh 4" Cont. Soff. Screen | 330 L |
| 1/4" Ext. Plywd. Soffit Boarding | 1,105 S |
| 1/4" DSA Glass Door Panes | 5 S |

—CERAMIC FLOOR, BASE & WALL TILING—

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| Ceramic 1/2" Floor Tiling | 90 S |
| Ceramic 1/2" Wall Tiling | 330 S |
| Ceramic 1/2"x6" Wall Base | 60 L |

—METAL SHEET WORK—

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| 16 oz. Copper 16" Valley Flashing | 70 L |
| 16-oz. Copper Plant Box Lining | 10 S |
| 26-ga. Metal 13" Gravel Stop | 330 L |

—ALUM. & GLASS DOORS, WINDOWS & ACC.—

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| Alum. & Glass 8'x6'10" Slid. Door & Acc. | 1 U |
| Alum. & Glass 6'x6'10" Slid. Door & Acc. | 1 U |
| Alum. & Glass 5'8'x6' Fixed Window & Acc. | 1 U |
| Alum. & Glass 3'8'x6'10" Fixed Window & Acc. | 5 U |
| Alum. & Glass 6'x3" Sliding Window & Acc. | 2 U |
| Alum. & Glass 4'6'x3" Sliding Window & Acc. | 1 U |
| Alum. & Glass 4'x4" Sliding Window & Acc. | 1 U |
| Alum. & Glass 2'x7" Fixed Window & Acc. | 1 U |
| Alum. & Glass 1'x4" Fixed Window & Acc. | 2 U |
| Alum. & Mesh Door Screens & Acc. | 95 S |
| Alum. & Mesh Window Screens & Acc. | 65 S |

—PAINT EXT. & INT. FINISH—

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| Lead & Oil Ext. Millwork 3 Coats | 2,135 S |
| Lead & Oil Int. Millwork 3 Coats | 650 S |
| Lead & Oil Gypbd. Ceil. 3 Coats | 2,415 S |
| Lead & Oil Gypbd. Wall 3 Coats | 4,260 S |
| Latex Block Wall 2 Coats | 2,045 S |
| Stain & Varn. Int. Millwork 4 Coats | 1,500 S |
| Stain & Varn. Int. Doors 4 Coats | 1,450 S |
| Lead & Oil Ext. Doors 3 Coats | 250 S |

—METAL & GLASS TOILET ACCESSORIES—

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| Metal & Glz. 7'x2" Wall Mirror & Fr. | 1 U |
| Metal & Glz. 5'x2" Wall Mirror & Fr. | 1 U |
| Metal & Glz. 4'x2" Wall Mirror & Fr. | 1 U |
| Chrome Metal Toilet Paper Holder | 2 U |
| Chrome Metal Soap Holder | 3 U |
| Chrome Metal Soap Holder & Grab Bar | 2 U |
| Chrome & Cloth 60" Shower Rod & Curtain | 2 U |
| Chrome Tooth Brush & Tumbler Hldr. | 2 U |

—PLUMBING SYSTEM & FIXTURES—

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| Water Serv. Connection & Piping | 1 U |
| Sanit. Serv. Connection & Piping | 1 U |
| Gas Serv. Connection & Piping | 1 U |
| Gas Furnace Connection & Piping & Acc. | 1 U |
| Hose Bibb Connection & Piping & Acc. | 1 U |
| Lavatory Piping & Accessories | 3 U |
| Bath Tub Piping & Accessories | 1 U |
| Water Closet Piping & Accessories | 2 U |
| Kitchen Sink Piping & Accessories | 2 U |
| Shower Head Piping & Accessories | 2 U |
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| Shower Recep. Piping & Accessories | 1 U |
| Dish Washer Piping & Accessories | 1 U |

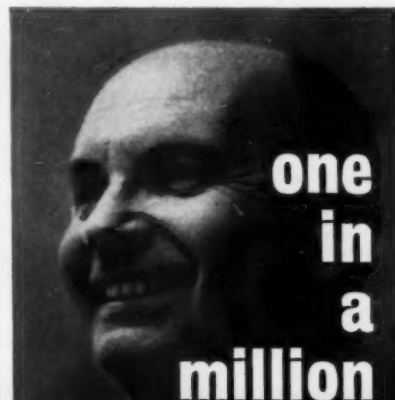
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| Clothes Washer Piping & Accessories | 1 U |
| Garbage Disp. Piping & Accessories | 1 U |

—HEATING & AIR COND. SYSTEM & FIXTURES—

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| Gas Warm Air Furnace & Accessories | 1 U |
| Gas Warm Air Ducts & Registers | 19 U |
| Gas Warm Air Temp. Control Equipment | 1 U |
| Gas Warm Air Vent Flue & Connections | 1 U |
| Gas Air Cond. Piping & Accessories | 1 U |

—ELECTRICAL SYSTEM & FIXTURES—

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| Electric Service Connection | 1 U |
| Electric Service Panel & Switch | 1 U |
| Telephone Service Connection | 1 U |
| H. W. Heater Connection & Wiring | 1 U |
| Gas Furnace Connection & Wiring | 1 U |
| Oven Connection & Wiring | 1 U |
| Range Connection & Wiring | 1 U |
| Exh. Fan Hood Connection & Wiring | 2 U |
| Exh. Fan w/ Lite Connection & Wiring | 2 U |
| Dish Washer Connection & Wiring | 1 U |
| Clothes Washer Connection & Wiring | 1 U |
| Dryer Connection & Wiring | 1 U |
| Sing. Switch Outlet & Wiring | 23 U |
| 3 Way Switch Outlet & Wiring | 4 U |
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How to pick the right

Small crawler proves versatile for variety of earthmoving jobs

Medina, Ohio builder Ed Mears points out some grading jobs to his operator at his popular Rustic Hills development. Mears began earthmoving last year, now uses machines on everything from golf courses to dams.



Medium crawler with loader bucket works best on scattered lot jobs

Determining cycle time is highly important when operating a medium size rig in tight quarters. It becomes particularly important on scattered lot operations, where the machine must be versatile yet productive.



Rubber-tire loader moves fast, does best when production counts

Arizona builder uses his heavy duty loader to demolish buildings, excavate parking areas, drives, foundations. Formulas help him determine speed of movement from one job to another and whether rig will be efficient in job.



"rig" for the right job

Two simple formulas show a builder how to determine which type of machine is best suited for an excavation job and how to estimate its operating efficiency in dollars and cents

How does a builder know the type and number of machines to assign to an earthmoving job?

Assign too many pieces of equipment to a job and it may prove too costly. Assign too few and the job falls behind schedule. But Caterpillar Tractor Co. engineers have worked out an answer.

Two simple formulas will help determine how many yards of earth each machine can move during each work shift and which is the best machine to do the job.

To put the formulas to work, a builder first should make himself familiar with some basic terms:

● **Cycle Time**—this represents the number of minutes required for a bulldozer to dig and drift dirt to a stock or waste pile, reverse its direction and return to the starting point. It also represents the time it takes for a loader to dig, transport, and dump a load then return to the stockpile or bank.

● **Fixed Time**—this represents time spent during a machine cycle in other than hauling or returning. It involves time for loading, dumping, turning, accelerating, decelerating, and shifting gears.

● **Variable Time**—this represents time spent moving the material to its destination and returning empty. This time varies with the distance to the destination and the speed at which the unit can move.

● **Efficiency Factor**—This shows an approximation of the job efficiency which can be expected from operators of various types of hauling and excavating units. Since no one works a full 60 min. out of each hour, an allowance must be made for time spent in other than profitable production.

● **Load Factor**—This shows the ratio of the volume of loose, or excavated, material moved to its volume in the natural state. For example, 1 cu yd of clay in the natural state will swell to a volume of 1.4 yd in the loose state, giving a load factor of

$$\frac{1.00}{1.40} = .72$$

Here, then, are the two simple formulas which, through combining

all of the above factors, will help the builder determine his equipment needs and efficiency.

1. Variable Time =
$$\frac{\text{Distance traveled in feet}}{(\text{Speed in mph}) \times (88 \text{ ft./min./mph})}$$
 and
2. Production (bank cu yd per hr) =
$$\frac{(\text{efficiency factor}) \times \text{cu yd/trip} \times \text{load factor}}{\text{cycle time}}$$

Formula 1 helps determine how much time will be required for each leg of a cycle under good conditions with adequate traction. Formula 2 tells how many bank cu yds can be produced on a given job by a single machine per hr.

Two sample problems demonstrate how the formulas can be applied to the operations for a bulldozer and a front end loader. (All variable time factors come from Caterpillar engineer field files for the specified equipment and should be checked with your dealer.)

A 140-hp tractor equipped with straight bulldozer is dozing common earth. If you assume that power requirements and limitations allow the machine to dig and carry material in second gear forward at 2.2 mph and return in fourth reverse at 5.4 mph, what will be the production of the machine with a 100' push distance? Capacity of the straight blade is 4.7 yd, loose measure.

You know that it takes about 0.20 min. fixed time to shift gears during a cycle.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Dozing travel time} &= \frac{100}{(2.2) \times (88)} = .51 \text{ min.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Return travel time} &= \frac{100}{(5.4) \times (88)} = .21 \text{ min.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So total cycle time} &= .20 \\ &\quad .51 \\ &\quad .21 \\ &= 0.92 \text{ min.} \end{aligned}$$

To determine bank cu yd produc-

tion per trip, you then apply the load factor to the loose yd capacity of the bulldozer in this way:

$$4.7 \times .80 \text{ (common earth load factor)} = 3.76 \text{ bcy/trip}$$

If you apply the second of the formulas to this information you can determine the bank cu yd per hr production that you can expect. Since studies over many years indicate that track-type tractors operators work only about 50 min out of an hour, that figure should be used in applying the formula.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Production (bcy/hr.)} &= \frac{(50 \text{ min. efficiency factor}) \times (3.76 \text{ yd/trip})}{0.92 \text{ min.}} = 174.8 \end{aligned}$$

Determining the probable production of track-type front-end loaders follows very much the same pattern. For example:

A 2¼-yd bucket front-end loader digs to a depth of 6' and loads into hauling units. A 30' allowance will be made for the ramp and maneuvering to approach the truck outside the excavation.

Fixed time, including loading, turning, shifting and dumping, requires .60 min (36 sec). And since the efficiency factor still is under study for this type of equipment, production must be figured on a 100% (60 min) efficiency hr. (Individual owners can substitute their own figure.) The loader will be able to work in first reverse gear (1.9 mph) in the haul phase as it moves up the ramp and maneuvers for loading, in second forward gear (2.4 mph) on the return phase.

The loader obtains 2.25 yd x .80 (load factor for common earth) or 1.9 bank cu yd per trip.

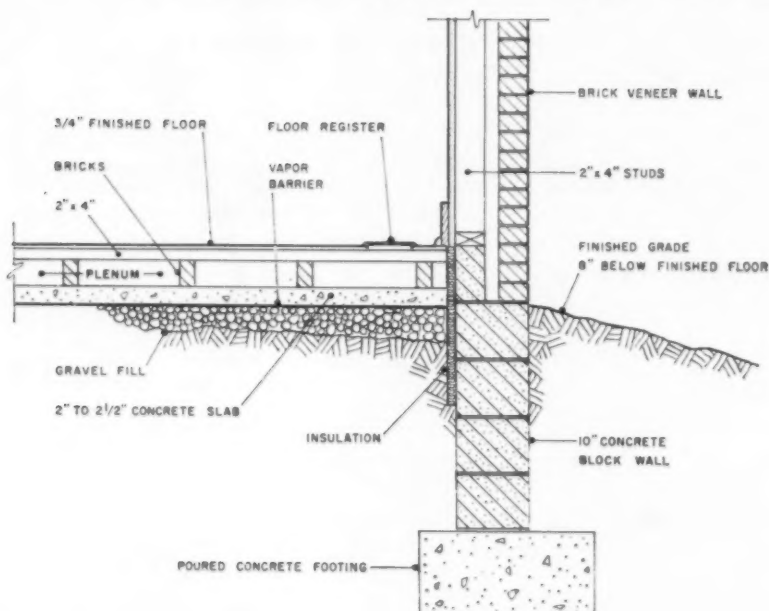
Thus, production per hr equals:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{60 \text{ (efficiency hr)} \times 1.8 \text{ (bcy/trip)}}{0.92 \text{ (cycle time)}} &= \frac{108.0}{0.92} = 117.3 \text{ yd/hr} \end{aligned}$$

Load factor figures and other information necessary to adapt this method to specific jobs can be obtained through your local equipment dealer.

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Plenum heating warm air system offers many advantages



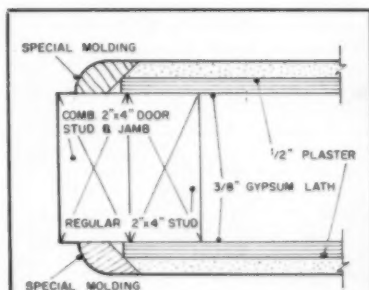
A type of heating system that's getting more attention from builders is one in which space between the wood floor and concrete slab acts as a warm-air plenum.

Simple plenum system is shown at left. The floor joists are supported by standard bricks, which in turn rest on a thin concrete slab. Warm air is admitted to the rooms by perimeter registers.

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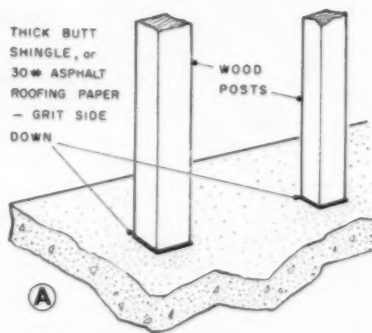
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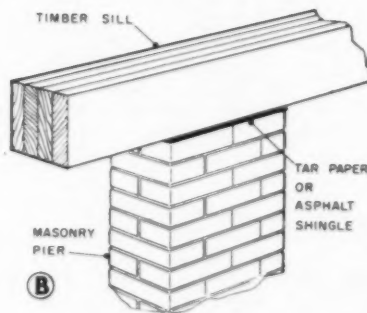
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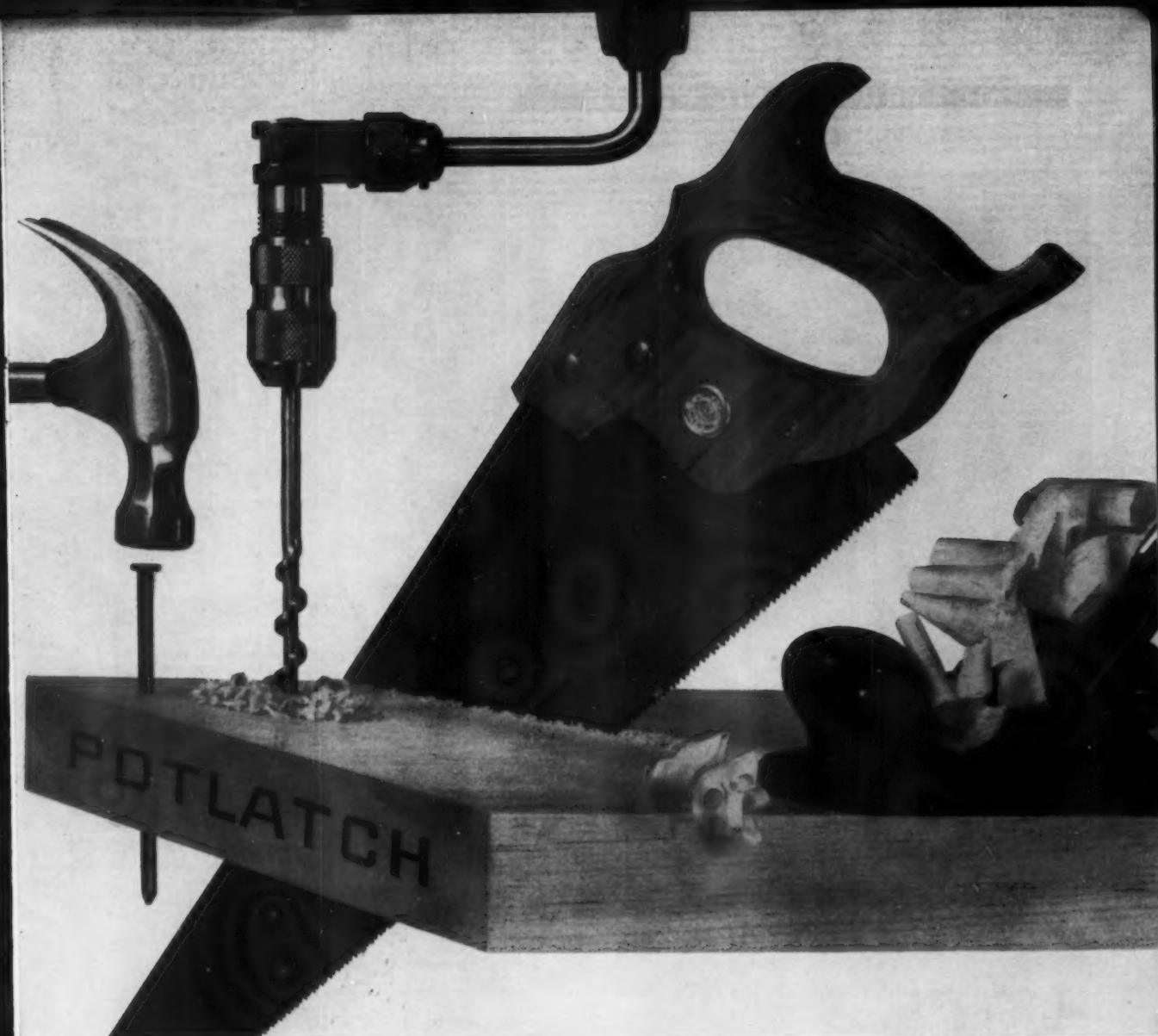
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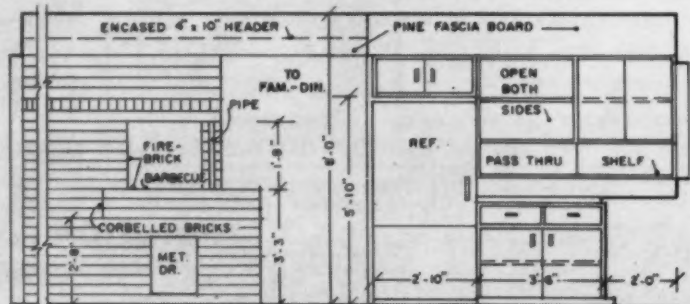
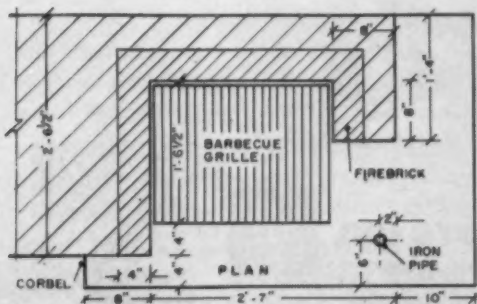
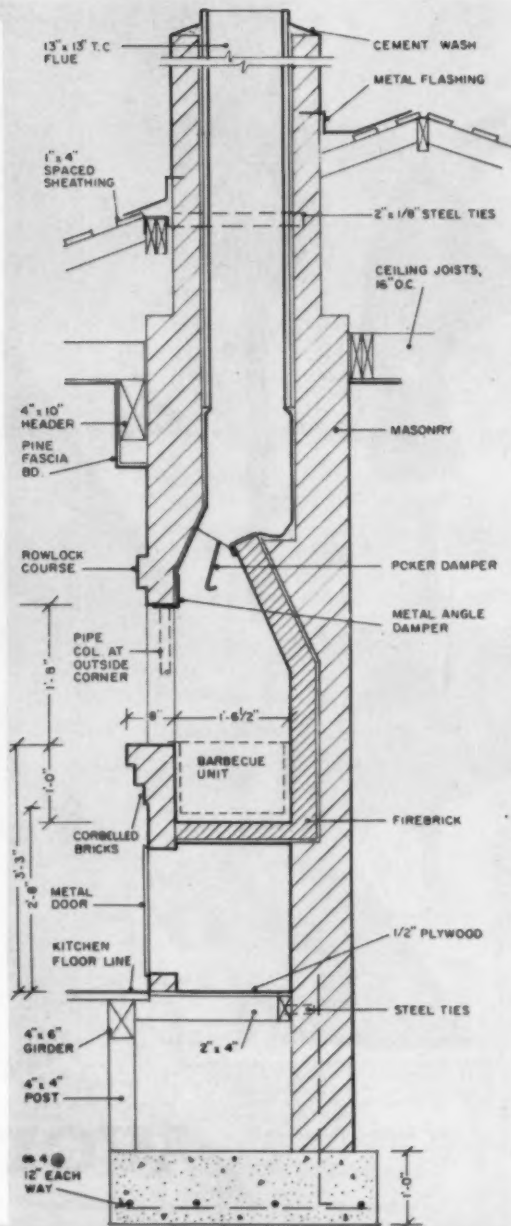
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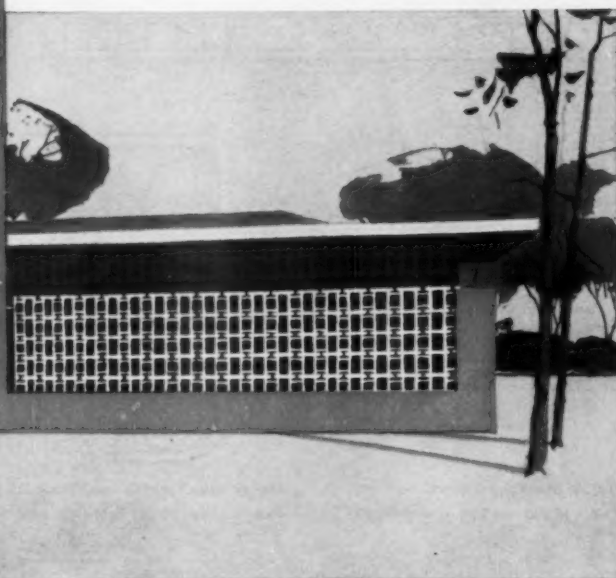
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To assure a strong bond between the steel and concrete, the surfaces of the reinforcements are roughened in manufacture. Their ends are often bent, to better fit the concrete and prevent slipping should the bond between steel and concrete prove inadequate. Deformed bars with raised portions (Fig. 1-C) also increase the friction between concrete and steel.

Smaller sized bars in the shape of a "U," and known as stirrups, may also be used, to take care of additional stresses, as in Fig. 1-D. These are placed closer together near the ends of the beam than toward its center. Fig. 1-E shows the complete reinforcing that may be used in a beam—straight bars, bent bars and stirrups.

Bending reinforcements

Bends for stirrups and ties shall be made around a pin, the diameter of which must not be less than twice the diameter of the bar (Fig. 2).

Bends for bars under 1" in diameter shall be made around a pin having a diameter not less than six times the thickness of the bar.

All bars must be bent cold.

Placing reinforcements

Metal reinforcements shall be accurately secured in accordance with the plans and shall be held in position by concrete or metal chairs and spacers. Fig. 4 shows how stirrups support the main reinforcing bars in a steel beam. A grooved concrete block may be used to properly space the bars at the bottom.

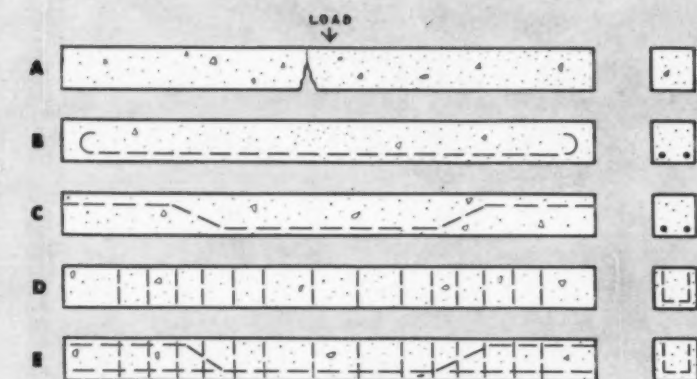
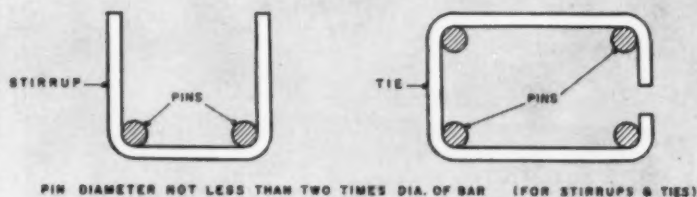
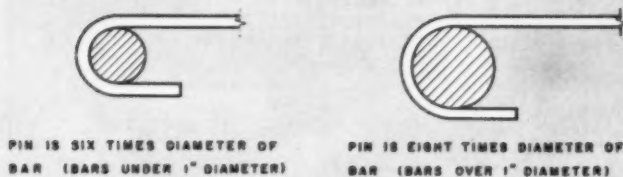


FIG. 1



PIN DIAMETER NOT LESS THAN TWO TIMES DIA. OF BAR (FOR STIRRUPS & TIES)



PIN IS SIX TIMES DIAMETER OF BAR (BARS UNDER 1" DIAMETER)

PIN IS EIGHT TIMES DIAMETER OF BAR (BARS OVER 1" DIAMETER)

FIG. 2

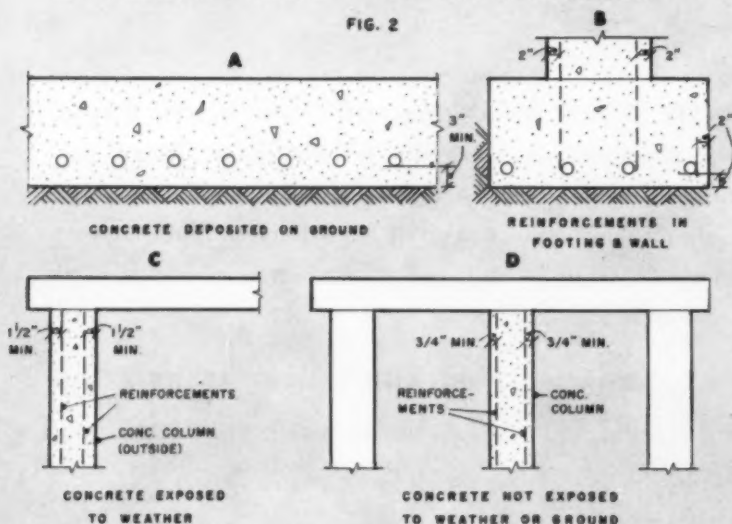


FIG. 3

needs special know-how

Protection of reinforcements

Where a concrete slab is poured against the ground, without forms, the bars must be not less than 3" from the bottom of the slab (Fig. 3-A). Where concrete is placed in forms and is to be exposed to the weather, or where it comes in contact with the ground, as in Fig. 3-B, the bars must be at least 2" from the surface of the concrete. Where concrete may be exposed to the weather, the bars must not be less than 1½" from the exposed surface (Fig. 3-C). In slabs, joints, columns, or walls not exposed to the ground or to the weather, the bars must be not less than ¾" from the exposed surface (Fig. 3-D).

With round bars, thickness of the concrete around the reinforcements must in all cases be at least equal to the diameter of the bars. With square bars, the thickness of the concrete must equal at least one and one-half times the side dimensions of the bars.

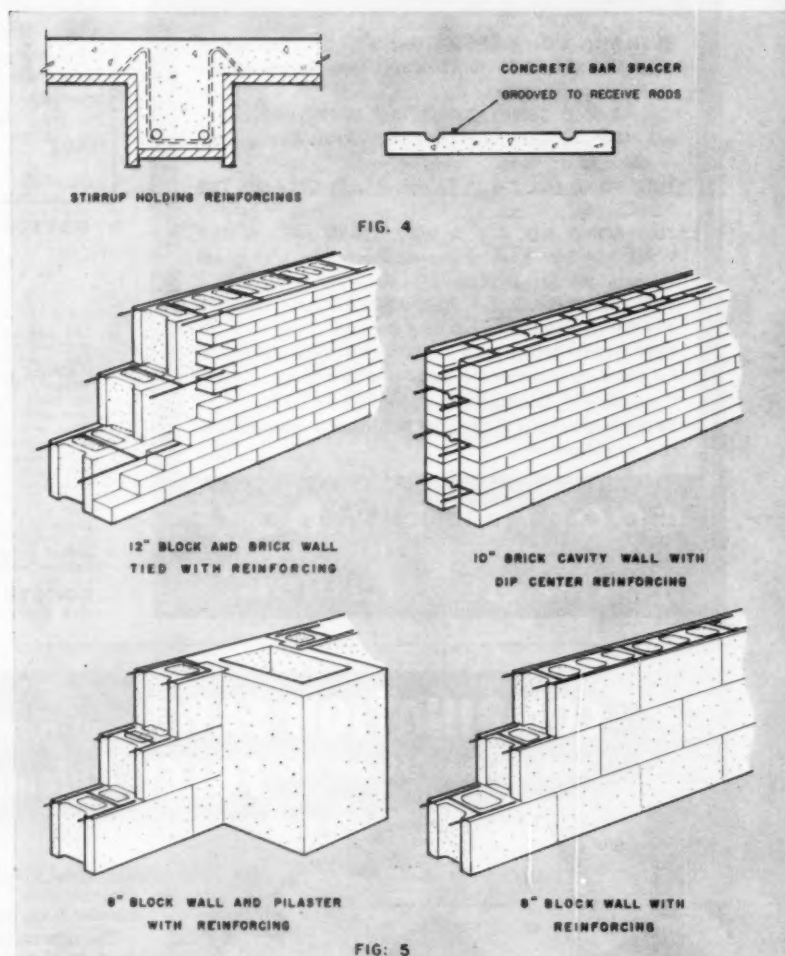
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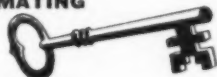


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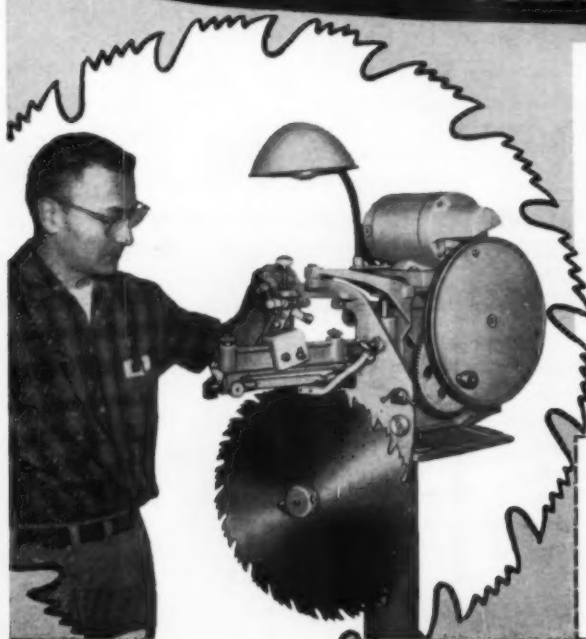
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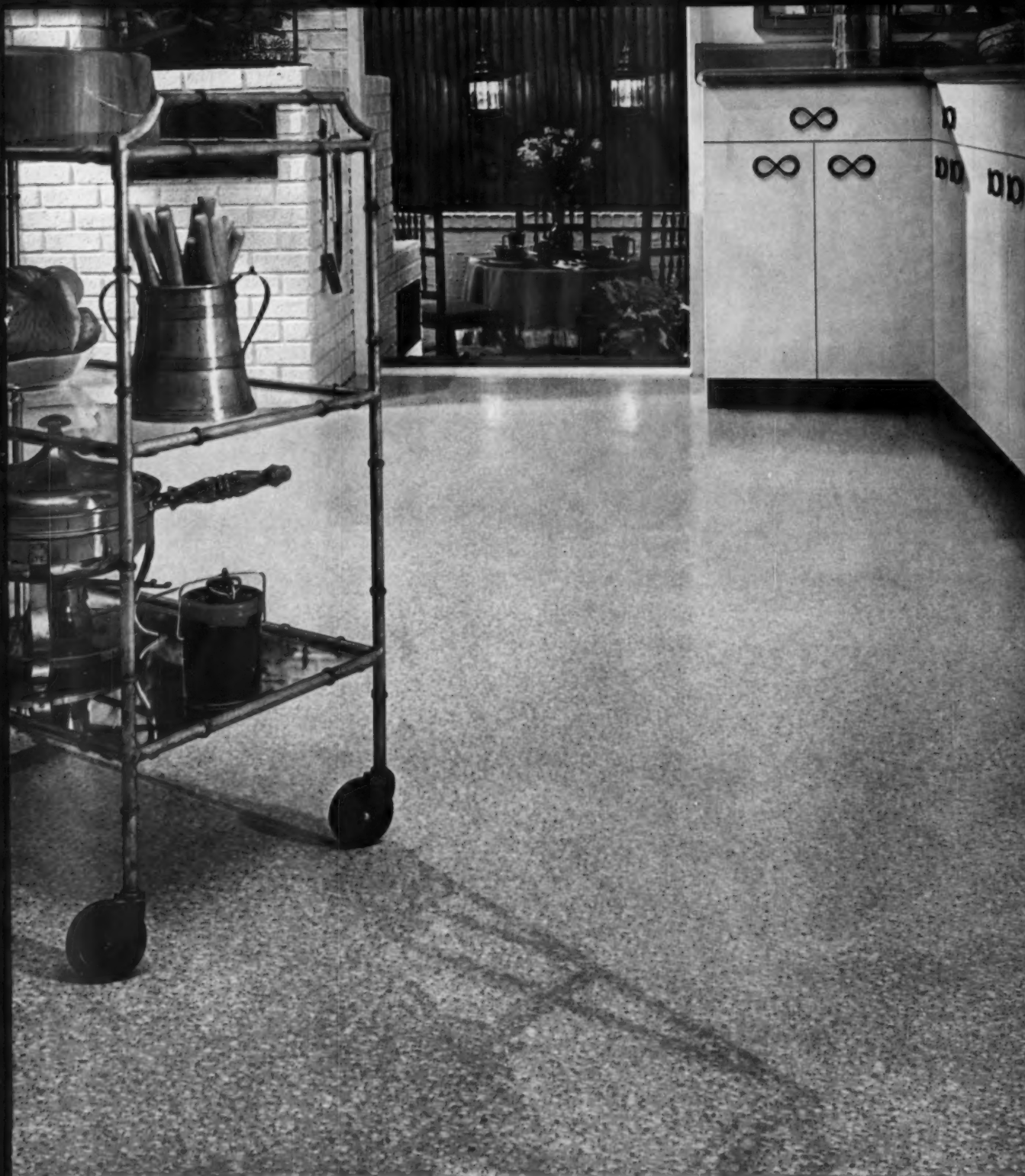
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